

# Elson Advocacy

November 26, 2024

**Ms. Nancy Marconi**

Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. 2024 to 2028 Rates Application  
EB-2024-0111**

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence to request that December 19<sup>th</sup> be added to the hearing schedule for this matter.

We make this request for two reasons. First, it appears to us that the OEB would benefit from three days of hearings in this matter. Although there are only few discrete issues that are going to hearing, those issues are important and are contentious, as evidenced by the fact that they could not be resolved during the settlement process despite the settlement of so many other issues. Furthermore, there are large number of parties in this proceeding. Even a three-day hearing would leave only a short amount of time for cross-examinations when divided by the number of participants. Also, the motion hearing date seems to suggest that there are a significant number of points on both sides of the remaining IRM issue that will require exploration at the hearing. All these factors suggest that a three-day hearing would serve the OEB better and be less challenging to manage.

Second, Chris Neme of the Energy Futures Group has conflicts on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Although Mr. Neme would miss his conflicting engagement on the 18<sup>th</sup> if he must, it would be preferable if he could appear on December 19<sup>th</sup>. I am personally available from 10 am onwards on December 19<sup>th</sup> and I could have a lawyer at my firm stand in for me from 9:30 am to 10 am if December 19<sup>th</sup> is added to the schedule.

In sum, adding December 19<sup>th</sup> to the schedule would both allow for a more complete canvassing of the remaining issues and address Mr. Neme's scheduling conflicts.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties to the above proceeding