

Enbridge Gas Inc. 50 Keil Drive North Chatham, Ontario, Canada N7M 5M1

February 18, 2025

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Approval of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity City of Barrie Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0298

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated February 6, 2025, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service related to the Decision and Order in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Patrick McMahon Technical Manager Regulatory Research and Records <u>patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com</u> (519) 436-5325

Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. M.55, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order cancelling and superseding the F.B.C. 165 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity related to the former Town of Barrie, those parts of the F.B.C. 314 Certificate Public Convenience and Necessity related to the parts of the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie, and those parts of the E.B.C. 53 Certificate Public Convenience and Necessity related to parts of the former Township of Innisfil annexed into the City of Barrie and replacing them with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Barrie.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Patrick McMahon, of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:

- 1. I am an employee in the Chatham Office of Enbridge Gas Inc., the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
- 2. By Courier, at Chatham, Ontario, on February 7, 2025, I did cause to be sent to the City of Barrie a true copy of the Decision and Order issued by the Ontario Energy Board on February 6, 2025, to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. The courier bill of lading is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 4. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the)City of Toronto in the Province)of Ontario this 18th day of)February, 2025.)

Patrick McMahon

A Commissioner, etc.



Enbridge Gas Inc. 50 Keil Drive North Chatham, Ontario, Canada N7M 5M1

Exhibit A

February 7, 2025

This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit of Patrick McMahon sworn before me this 18th day of February, 2025.

Wendy Cooke, City Clerk City of Barrie 70 Collier Street Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

A Commissioner, etc.

Dear Ms. Cooke:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – City of Barrie Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0298

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated February 6, 2025, Enbridge Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Decision and Order approving the new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that Enbridge Gas holds for the City of Barrie.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions about the application that resulted in this Decision and Order.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

Patrick McMahon Technical Manager Regulatory Research and Records <u>patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com</u> (519) 436-5325

Encl.



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0298

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of Barrie

By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President Major Applications

February 6, 2025

1 OVERVIEW

This Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves an application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the City of Barrie.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on October 8, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application is for an order approving a new certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Barrie.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from November 7 to November 14, 2024. The notice of hearing was also posted on Enbridge Gas's website. No persons sought to become intervenors or otherwise participate in the proceeding.

In this Decision and Order, a reference to the City of Barrie is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographic area, as the context requires.

3 APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the City of Toronto.

The City of Barrie is a municipal corporation incorporated in under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a single-tier municipality located in the County of Simcoe.

The City of Barrie was incorporated in 1959 (prior to that time, it was known as the Town of Barrie). Enbridge Gas has served the Town/City of Barrie since 1957 and notes that its boundaries were enlarged as the result of numerous municipal reorganizations since then. As stated in the application:

- The Town of Barrie was incorporated as a city in 1959 and annexed parts of the former Township of Vespra in 1954, 1959, 1964, 1968 and 1984. The Town / City of Barrie annexed parts of the Town of Innisfil in 1959, 1967, 1970, 1982 and 1987. To plan for its continued growth, the City of Barrie annexed an additional 2,293 hectares of land from the Town of Innisfil on January 1, 2010.
- The Township of Springwater was formed in 1994 through the amalgamation of the former Township of Flos and the former Township of Vespra together with the former Village of Elmvale and a portion of the former Township of Medonte. Enbridge Gas has a certificate dated May 24, 2018 (EB-2017-0342) for the Township of Springwater.
- The EB-2017-0342 Order approving a certificate for the Township of Springwater may have cancelled and superseded the certificates that had been in place for the former Village of Elmvale (F.B.C. 203) and the former Township of Flos (F.B.C. 333), but only cancelled and superseded those parts of the certificate that had been in place for the former Township of Vespra (F.B.C. 314) that were annexed to the Township of Springwater.
- Cookstown, at the southwest extremity of the Town of Innisfil, became an incorporated village in 1962, with 100 acres of the former Township of Innisfil becoming part of Cookstown at that time. On January 1, 1991, by virtue of the *County of Simcoe Act, 1990*, the former Township of Innisfil, a northern section of the former Township of West Gwillimbury, the former Village of Cookstown and portions of the former Township of Tecumseth were amalgamated and incorporated as the Town of Innisfil.

• Enbridge Gas has a certificate dated August 11, 1966 (E.B.C. 53) for the former Township of Innisfil and a certificate dated January 9, 1979 (E.B.C. 104) for the former Village of Cookstown.

In the light of the foregoing, Enbridge Gas submits that it is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the City of Barrie, as it is currently constituted, through the combination of various certificates each covering different parts of the City of Barrie. Through the application, Enbridge Gas seeks an order cancelling its prior certificate authorizations relating to the City of Barrie and replacing them with a single certificate for the City as it is currently constituted. Specifically, Enbridge Gas seeks an order of the OEB cancelling the F.B.C. 165 certificate related to the former Town of Barrie, those parts of the F.B.C. 314 certificate related to the parts of the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie, and those parts of the E.B.C. 53 certificate related to parts of the former Township of Innisfil annexed into the City of Barrie, and replacing them with a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Barrie.

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the City of Barrie.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the City of Barrie, effective April 7, 2014.¹ Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Springwater, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Essa, and the Town of Innisfil, each of which is immediately adjacent to the City of Barrie.

¹ EB-2013-0441

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the City of Barrie. The issuance of a new certificate for the City of Barrie that is geographically aligned with its municipal borders is consistent with the intent of the OEB that certificate holders update service areas if boundaries of their existing certificate(s) are affected by municipal amalgamations, annexations, or name changes. Enbridge Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. I note that no party intervened or otherwise objected to the application.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the City of Barrie. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the City of Barrie. I also note that there are no other natural gas distributors within the certificate area.

5 ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works or supply natural gas in the City of Barrie. A current map of the City of Barrie is attached as Schedule B.
- 2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes:
 - F.B.C. 165, related to the former Town of Barrie.
 - Those parts of F.B.C. 314 related to the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie.
 - Those parts of E.B.C. 53 related to the former Township of Innisfil that were annexed into the City of Barrie.
- 3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, February 6, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President Major Applications

SCHEDULE A

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2024-0298

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

EB-2024-0298

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board grants

Enbridge Gas Inc.

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act,* R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

City of Barrie

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and F.B.C. 165 related to the former Town of Barrie, those parts of F.B.C. 314 related to the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie, and those parts of E.B.C. 53 related to the former Township of Innisfil that were annexed into the City of Barrie.

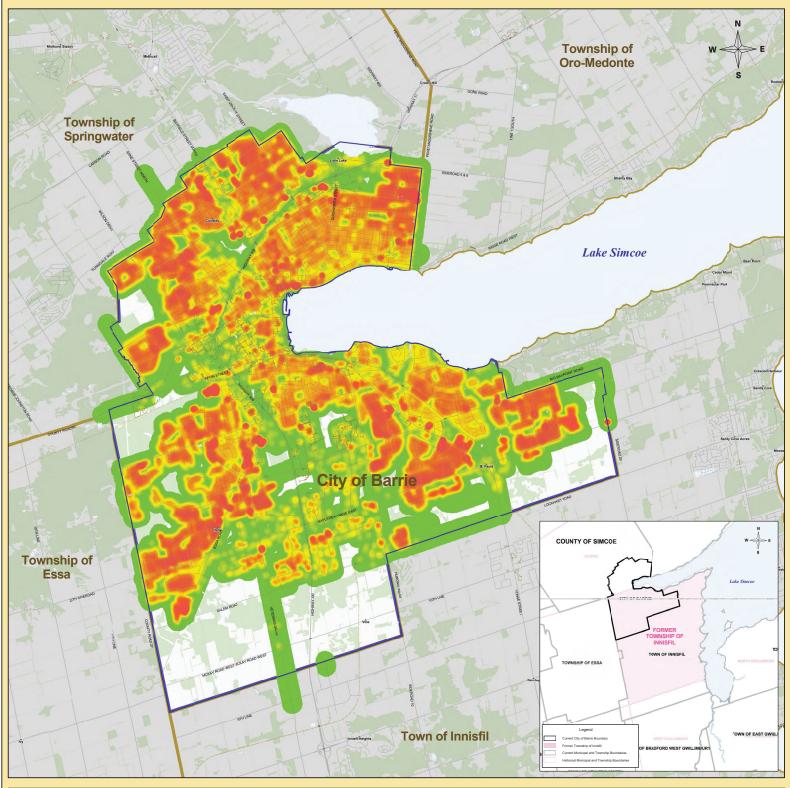
DATED at Toronto, February 6, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President Major Applications SCHEDULE B MAP OF THE CITY OF BARRIE ENBRIDGE GAS INC. EB-2024-0298 FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Schedule A



City of Barrie

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Kunicipal and Township Boundaries
First Nation Boundaries

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Exhibit B

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of Patrick McMahon sworn before me this 18th day of February, 2025.

City of Barrie 70 Collier Street Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

(705) 726-4242

Attention: Wendy Cooke, City Clerk

A Commissioner, etc.

2/7/25, 7:27 AM

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