



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0311

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity for the Township of
Beckwith**

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

February 20, 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 Township of Beckwith.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on October 22, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application is for an order approving a new certificate of public convenience and the necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Beckwith.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published on the www.insideottawavalley.com website between November 21, 2024 to November 28, 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 Township of Beckwith 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 Township of Beckwith is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Lanark.

The Township's boundaries changed following a municipal reorganization in 2012, whereby parts of it were annexed to the Town of Carleton Place.

Enbridge Gas notes that, given that the annexation in 2012 reduced the size of the Township of Beckwith, approval of this application would not result in a change to overall existing CPCN rights held by Enbridge Gas in this area.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated December 9, 1957 for the Township of Beckwith (F.B.C. 142). Through the application, Enbridge Gas seeks an order cancelling F.B.C. 142 and replacing it with a new certificate for the Township as it is currently constituted.

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor within the Township of Beckwith or any area adjacent to it.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Township of Beckwith effective May 1, 2018.¹ Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Town of Carleton Place, the Town of Mississippi Mills, the City of Ottawa, the Township of Montague, and the Township of Drummond / North Elmsley each of which is immediately adjacent to the Township of Beckwith.

¹ EB-2018-0089

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Township of Beckwith. The issuance of a new certificate for the Township of Beckwith 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 the application.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Township of Beckwith. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the Township of Beckwith. 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 Township of Beckwith. A current map of the Township of Beckwith is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 142 issued December 9, 1957 for the Township of Beckwith.
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 20, 2025

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SCHEDULE A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
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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

Township of Beckwith

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 142, related to the Township of Beckwith.

DATED at Toronto, February 20, 2025

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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BECKWITH
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