



**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**Application for approval to increase the maximum operating pressures of the  
Kimball-Colinville and Bickford storage pools located in the Township of St. Clair  
in the County of Lambton**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

**February 28, 2025**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 10, 2024, under section 38(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for approval to increase the maximum operating pressure (MOP) in each of its Kimball-Colinville Storage Pool and its Bickford Storage Pool. Enbridge Gas submits that the pressure increases comply with the requirements of the CSA Z341.1-22.<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas proposes to begin operating the Kimball-Colinville pool at the higher MOP in the 2025 injection season and the Bickford pool at the higher MOP in the 2026 injection season. Enbridge Gas requested approval by April 2025.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on January 29, 2025. Hilton Johnston applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

**Intervention Request of Hilton Johnston**

Hilton Johnston's intervention request states that he is a sole proprietor who provides geological engineering knowledge and advice to Ontario natural gas producers. He submits that his client base cannot fairly compete in a monopolistic environment and that he would like to file evidence from historical information and data collected to support this issue.

On February 21, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed a letter in response to Hilton Johnston's intervention request and submitted that the OEB should deny his intervention request. Enbridge Gas referenced the Minister of Energy and Electrification's Letter of Direction to the OEB and the OEB's *Report to the Minister on Intervenors and Regulatory Efficiency*. Enbridge Gas submitted that the Minister's letter "makes it clear that it should not be business as usual when it comes to accepting intervention requests". Enbridge Gas submitted that Hilton Johnston's mandate, objective, and issues are outside of the scope of this proceeding and do not meet the OEB's criteria for intervenor standing.

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Standards Association Z.341.1-22, Storage of hydrocarbons in Underground Formations



The current proceeding will consider Enbridge Gas's request to increase the MOPs of its existing Kimball-Colinville and Bickford storage pools to increase their storage capacity. The intention of the current proceeding is not to examine competition in natural gas storage or re-consider what capacity of storage pools are regulated versus unregulated<sup>2</sup> – issues noted to be of interest to Hilton Johnston. In addition, information provided in Hilton Johnston's intervenor form and in response to Enbridge Gas's letter does not provide details of any reporting structure with respect to Ontario natural gas producers and there is no information to indicate that he has authority to speak on their behalf. Hilton Johnston has also not indicated that he is an affected landowner.

Rule 22.02 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) provides that the party applying for intervenor status must satisfy the OEB that it has a "substantial interest" in the proceeding. Given the issues of concern stated by Hilton Johnston, the scope of the current proceeding, and the lack of clarity around Hilton Johnston's representation of Ontario natural gas producers, the OEB finds that Hilton Johnston has not demonstrated that he has a substantial interest in this proceeding and therefore, his intervention request is denied.

### **Confidentiality**

Enbridge Gas has requested confidential treatment for certain information in exhibit F-1-1 Land Matters, Attachments 3– 8 and Attachments 11 – 15. Enbridge Gas submitted that the information relates to the names and contact information of property owners, which constitute "personal information" under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

The OEB has reviewed an unredacted version of exhibit F-1-1 that was filed by Enbridge Gas. The OEB finds that information in the exhibit is personal information as defined in FIPPA and the OEB's [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#). Therefore, a redacted version of the exhibit will be placed on the record of this proceeding.

### **Interrogatories and Submissions**

Provision is being made for written interrogatories and submissions.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

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<sup>2</sup> OEB *Natural Gas Electricity Interface Review* (NGEIR), EB-2005-0306



**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served in Enbridge Gas, by **March 11, 2025**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories by **March 21, 2025**.
3. Any written submissions from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served in Enbridge Gas by **April 1, 2025**.
4. Any written reply submissions from Enbridge Gas shall be filed with the OEB by **April 11, 2025**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0322** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

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**DATED** at Toronto, **February 28, 2025**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar