

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0323

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley

By Delegation, before: **Lindsay Wright**

> Manager Natural Gas

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 Elizabethtown-Kitley.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on November 4, 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 Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the Brockville Recorder and Times newspaper on December 7, 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 Elizabethtown-Kitley 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 Elizabethtown-Kitley is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

The Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley was created in 2001 upon the amalgamation of the former Township of Elizabethtown and former Township of Kitley. The boundaries of the Township changed as the result of a further municipal reorganization in 2019, where parts of the Township were annexed to the City of Brockville.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated March 8, 2018 for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling its existing certificate and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley as it is currently constituted.

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

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley effective February 12, 2018.² Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Rideau Lakes, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, the Township Augusta, the City of Brockville and the Township of Athens, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley.

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¹ EB-2017-0379

² Ibid

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. The issuance of a new certificate for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley 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 Elizabethtown-Kitley. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization related to the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. 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 to supply natural gas in the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. A current map of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley is attached as Schedule B.
- 2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes: EB-2017-0379.
- 3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at March 6, 2025

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Lindsay Wright

Manager Natural Gas

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 Elizabethtown-Kitley

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes EB-2017-0379 related to the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley.

DATED March 6, 2025

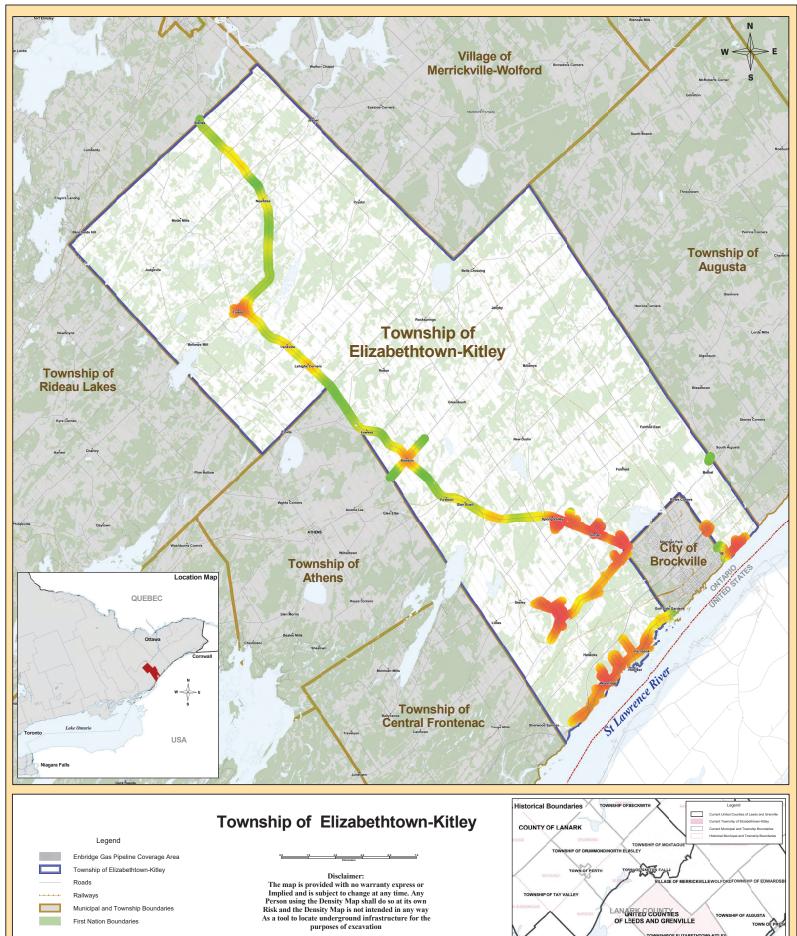
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SCHEDULE B MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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