

# Elson Advocacy

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Dear Ms. Marconi

**Re: 2026-2030 DSM Plan Application – Issues List**

I am writing on behalf of the Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA) to make submissions on the issues list pursuant to *Procedural Order #1*.

**Small Business Programs**

SBUA believes that the draft issues list is sufficient to address the issues it currently intends to raise in the proceedings. In the interests of organizational clarity, SBUA does suggest amending issue 12 to include the following specific question:

Are Enbridge Gas's proposed program offerings for small and micro business customers appropriate?

This addition will ensure that the unique energy needs of small and micro businesses do not fall between the cracks of larger commercial and residential interests in the proceedings. Many small businesses either share characteristics of both residential and commercial customers or diverge from both, and as a result can be failed by those broader categories.

The proposed amendment will further help ensure that the 2026-2030 DSM plan sufficiently responds to the Board's previous DSM Decision, which ordered Enbridge to consider "additional opportunities for the program offerings to evolve and reflect practical realities, including those faced by small businesses."<sup>1</sup>

Thank you for the opportunity to make these submissions.

Yours truly,



Kate Siemiatycki

Cc: all parties

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0002 Decision and Order, November 15, 2022, p. 37.