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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0339

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the City of Ottawa**

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

March 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 City of Ottawa.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on November 20, 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 Ottawa.

The OEB held a written hearing. Notice of the hearing was published on December 20, 2024 in the local media; the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, and the www.ledroit.com website. 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 Ottawa 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 Ottawa is a municipal corporation that was first incorporated in 1855 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a single-tier municipality that Enbridge Gas and its predecessor companies have been providing gas distribution services within since approximately 1938. The City has gone through a significant number of municipal reorganizations since then.

The City of Ottawa, as it is currently constituted, was formed in 2001 through the amalgamation of the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, the former Cities of Cumberland, Gloucester, Kanata, Nepean, Ottawa and Vanier, the former Village of Rockcliffe Park and the former Townships of Goulbourn, Osgoode, Rideau and West Carleton.

Enbridge Gas holds 11 certificates that cover various geographical areas within the City of Ottawa, each pertaining to legacy municipalities that are now part of the city. Enbridge Gas provided details of these certificates and the related municipal reorganizations in the application as follows:

F.B.C. 143 –Township of March

- Issued December 9, 1957.
- In 1978, the City of Kanata was formed through the amalgamation of the former Township of March and portions of the Township of Goulbourn and the Township of Nepean.
- The City of Kanata became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 144 and F.B.C. 145 –Township of Huntley and the Township of Fitzroy

- Both issued December 9, 1957.
- In 1974, the Township of West Carleton was formed through the amalgamation of the Township of Fitzroy, the Township of Huntley and the Township of Torbolton.
- There is no evidence indicating that Enbridge Gas or its predecessors ever held a certificate for the former Township of Torbolton within that part of the City of Ottawa.
- The Township of West Carleton became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 182 –Township of Osgoode

- Issued January 23, 1958.
- Part of the Township of Osgoode was annexed to the Township of Rideau in 1974.
- The Township of Osgoode became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 193 –Town of Eastview

- Issued January 24, 1958.
- The Town of Eastview became a city in 1963 and was renamed the City of Vanier in 1969.
- The City of Vanier became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 196 –Township of Cumberland

- Issued February 10, 1958.
- The Township of Cumberland was withdrawn from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell to become part of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton in 1969. The Township of Cumberland became the City of Cumberland in 1999.
- The City of Cumberland became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 200 –Township of Goulbourn

- Issued March 12, 1958.
- In 1974, the Township of Goulbourn annexed the villages of Stittsville and Richmond.
- A portion of the Township of Goulbourn became part of the City of Kanata in 1978. The remainder of the Township of Goulbourn became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 263 –Township of Gloucester

- Issued December 22, 1958.
- In 1974, a portion of the Township of Gloucester was annexed to the Township of Rideau.
- Gloucester was incorporated as a city in 1981 and became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

F.B.C. 264 –Township of Nepean

- Issued September 22, 1958.
- In 1974, a portion of the Township of Nepean was annexed by the Township of Rideau. In 1978, the Township of Nepean became the City of

Nepean. That same year, a portion of the former Township of Nepean became part of the City of Kanata.

- The City of Nepean became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

E.B.C. 60 – (former) City of Ottawa and Village of Rockcliffe Park

- Issued July 25, 1967.
- The Village of Rockcliffe Park became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

E.B.C. 165 – Township of Rideau

- Issued May 17, 1985.
- The Township of Rideau was formed in 1974 through the amalgamation of the former Townships of Marlborough and North Gower, alongside portions of the former Townships of Gloucester, Nepean and Osgoode.
- The Township of Rideau became part of the City of Ottawa in 2001.

Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling each of the above referenced certificates and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Ottawa as it is currently constituted.

Enbridge Gas notes that the request for the new certificate, if approved, would expand the geographic area currently covered by its existing certificates, by including the geographic area of the former Township of Torbolton, the former Village of Stittsville and the former Village of Richmond (each of which is now a part of the City of Ottawa). In support of this request, Enbridge Gas submitted that it serves 1,175 customers in the geographical area of the former Township of Torbolton, 1,800 customers in the geographical area of the former Village of Stittsville, and 450 customers in the geographical area of the former Village of Richmond. Enbridge Gas also submitted that it has over 500 new requests and inquiries for natural gas services in these areas.¹

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor in the area or any other person holding a certificate for any part of the City of Ottawa.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the City of Ottawa effective June 29, 2006.² Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Town of Mississippi Mills, the Town of Carleton Place, the Township of Montague, the Municipality of North Grenville, the Township of North Dundas, the Township of Russell,

¹ Enbridge Gas response to OEB Staff 1-a), March 19, 2025

² EB-2006-0032

the Municipality of The Nation, and the City of Clarence-Rockland which are immediately adjacent to the City of Ottawa.

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the City of Ottawa. The issuance of a new certificate for the City of Ottawa 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 Ottawa. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the City of Ottawa. 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 City of Ottawa. A current map of the City of Ottawa is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes:
 - F.B.C. 143, F.B.C. 144, F.B.C. 145, F.B.C. 182, F.B.C. 193, F.B.C. 196, F.B.C. 200, F.B.C. 263, F.B.C. 264, E.B.C. 60, E.B.C. 165
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto March 20, 2025

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SCHEDULE A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
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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

City of Ottawa

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

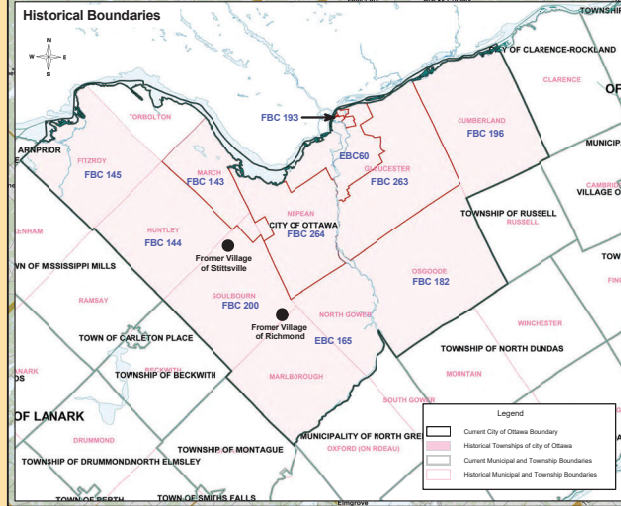
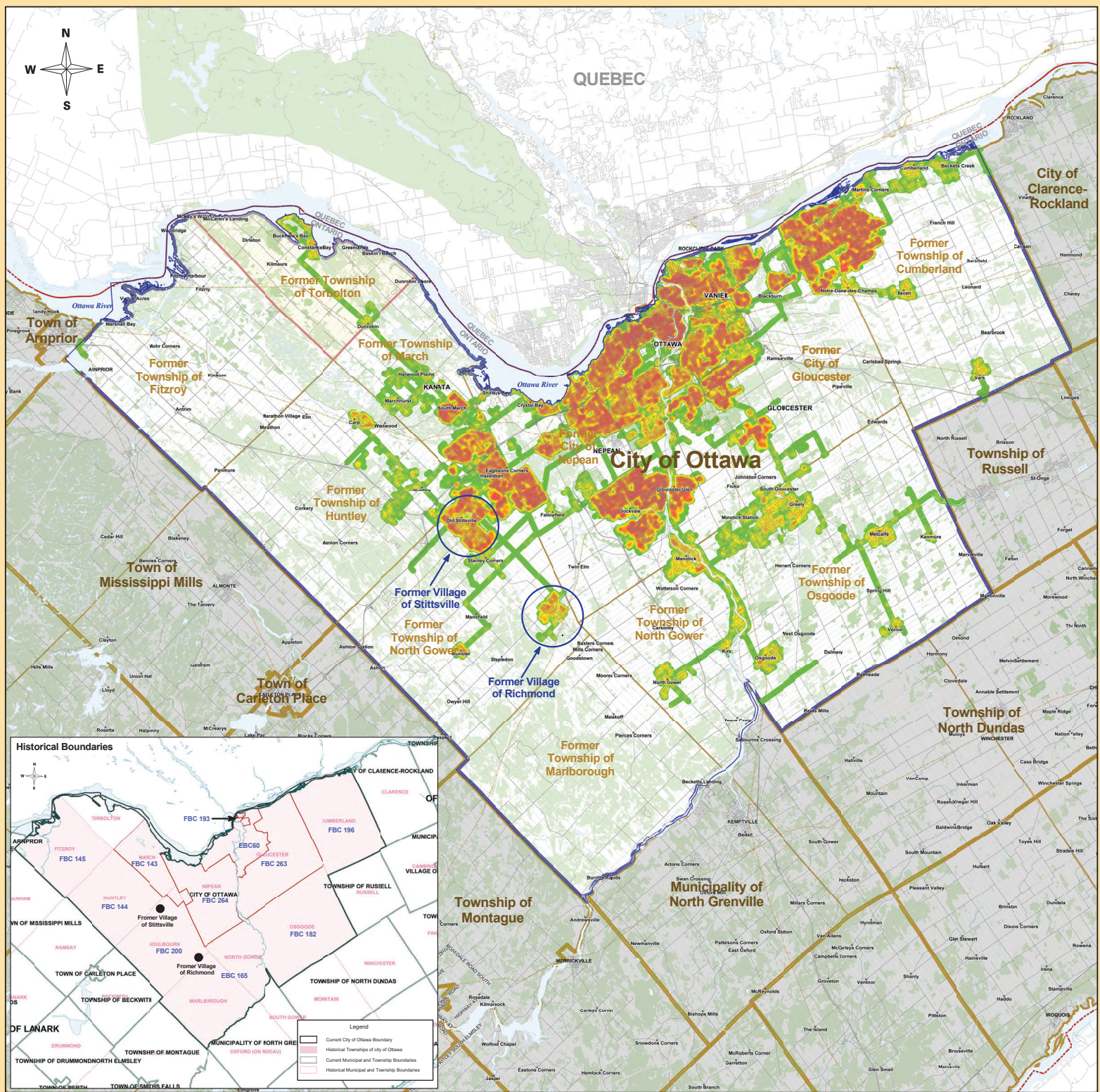
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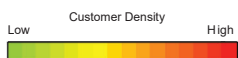
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA
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Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- City of Ottawa
- Former Township of Torbolton
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries



City of Ottawa



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