

EB-2025-0064

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application to change its natural gas rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2024

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 March 21, 2025

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application on October 31, 2022, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Enbridge Gas charges for natural gas distribution, transportation and storage, beginning January 1, 2024. The OEB is reviewing the application in three phases.

On August 17, 2023, the OEB approved a settlement proposal on some Phase 1 issues. The OEB issued its decision on the remaining Phase 1 issues on December 21, 2023² and issued an interim rate order for 2024 rates on April 11, 2024³.

Enbridge Gas filed its Phase 2 evidence on April 26, 2024. On November 29, 2024, the OEB approved a settlement proposal on most Phase 2 issues and an interim rate order effective January 1, 2025.⁴ The OEB must make a determination on three unsettled issues for Phase 2 and a decision will be issued in due course.

On February 28, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed its Phase 3 evidence. This procedural order commences Phase 3 of the application.

Administrative Matters

A new file number, **EB-2025-0064**, has been assigned to Phase 3 of the proceeding.

¹ EB-2022-0200, Decision on Settlement Proposal, August 17, 2023

² EB-2022-0200, Decision and Order, December 21, 2023

³ EB-2022-0200, Interim Rate Order, April 11, 2024

⁴ EB-2024-0111, Decision on Settlement Proposal and Interim Rate Order, November 29, 2024

For greater certainty, all intervenors in Phases 1 and 2 are accepted as intervenors in Phase 3; and all intervenors that were found eligible for cost awards in Phases 1 and 2 are also determined to be eligible for cost awards in Phase 3.

In Phase 3, parties may refer to any evidence filed in Phases 1 and 2.

Phase 3 Issues List

Enbridge Gas included a draft issues list with its Phase 3 evidence.⁵

At this time, the OEB is making provision for an issues conference to consider the appropriate issues list for Phase 3. The OEB will hold a virtual issues conference among parties on **March 27**, **2025**. Parties shall use the draft issues list included with Enbridge Gas's Phase 3 evidence as a starting point for the discussions.

If parties are unable to reach a consensus on a proposed issues list for the OEB's approval, parties shall file written submissions on the contested matters by **April 7**, **2025**.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. An issues list conference will be held on **March 27, 2025**, starting at 9:30 a.m. This event will be conducted virtually. Further information on how to participate in the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
- 2. If parties are unable to reach consensus on a proposed issues list for Phase 3, parties shall file written submissions on these matters by **April 7, 2025**.
- 3. If parties reach an agreement on a proposed issues list for Phase 3, OEB staff shall file the proposed issues list by **April 1, 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.

⁵ Exhibit 1, Tab 3, Schedule 1, Attachment 3

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

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar, at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca, and Ian Richler, at lan.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 21, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi Registrar