



BY EMAIL

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To: All Parties in EB-2024-0198

Re: Abeyance Request of Application for Multi-Year Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan (2026-2030)

On December 2, 2024, Enbridge Gas Inc. filed a multi-year natural gas demand side management (DSM) plan application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), seeking approval for an updated natural gas DSM policy framework effective January 1, 2026 and approval of a new multi-year DSM plan, inclusive of budgets, programs, and targets from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

On March 20, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed a letter with the OEB requesting that the OEB place the application in abeyance until no later than May 30, 2025. Enbridge Gas stated that it expects that this will provide time needed to assess the impact on the application of the removal of the Federal fuel charge (referred to in Enbridge Gas's letter as the Federal Carbon Charge), and to prepare and file updated evidence. Enbridge Gas indicated that it will make best efforts to file the updated evidence earlier than May 30, 2025, and will notify the OEB and parties at least one week prior to the expected filing date.

The OEB accepts Enbridge Gas's request to put its application into abeyance to allow for the filing of updated evidence. All procedural steps currently set out in Procedural Order No. 1 are suspended. The OEB will provide more specific direction regarding what evidence updates Enbridge Gas is expected to provide as part of Procedural Order No. 2, which will be issued shortly. The OEB also plans to provide its Decision on Issues and other procedural matters.

During the abeyance period, the OEB expects Enbridge Gas to provide a mid-period update on its progress toward its evidence update. Enbridge Gas shall provide an update by May 2, 2025. Enbridge Gas' application is in abeyance as of March 24, 2025. The OEB will take the proceeding out of abeyance after it completes its preliminary review of the updated application and will issue a procedural order setting out next steps at that time.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Michael Bell, at 416-440-7688 or michael.bell@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Registrar