

EB-2025-0065

## Enbridge Gas Inc.

## Application to review five-year gas supply plan

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
June 17, 2025

**BEFORE:** Anthony Zlahtic

**Presiding Commissioner** 

Damien A. Côté Commissioner

**David Sword**Commissioner

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed a five-year gas supply plan with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 1, 2025. The five-year gas supply plan covers the period of November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2030. The application also includes Enbridge Gas's annual gas supply plan update for the 2024/2025 gas year.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on May 26, 2025. Each of Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA), City of Kitchener, Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Environmental Defence, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR), Federation of Rental-housing providers of Ontario (FRPO), Minogi Corp. (Minogi), Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition (SEC), Summitt Energy Management Inc. (Summitt Energy) and TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) applied for intervenor status. BOMA, CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, Minogi, Pollution Probe and SEC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Enbridge Gas.

BOMA, City of Kitchener, CCC, Environmental Defence, EPCOR, FRPO, Minogi, Pollution Probe, SEC, Summitt Energy, and TCPL are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. BOMA, CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, Minogi, Pollution Probe, and SEC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

#### **NEXT PROCEDURAL STEPS**

#### **Issues List**

At this time, the OEB is making provision for an issues conference to consider the appropriate issues list for this proceeding. The OEB will hold a virtual issues conference among parties on **June 26**, **2025**. Parties shall use the draft issues list included with Enbridge Gas's application 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 **July 9, 2025**.

### **OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence**

If OEB staff or any intervenor wishes to file evidence (including expert evidence) it must submit a request in accordance with Rule 13 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>. Deadlines are set out below.

#### **Interrogatories**

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

#### **Technical Conference**

A transcribed technical conference will be held to provide clarification on interrogatory responses. In preparation for the technical conference, the OEB will require parties to file a description of the specific areas that they will be focusing on and an estimate of time required for each area of focus. This will allow a technical conference schedule to be developed. If parties wish to file specific questions in advance, they may do so.

The technical conference will start on **September 15**, **2025** and continue on **September 16**, **2025**, if necessary. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB by **October 1**, **2025**.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

#### **Issues List**

- 1. An issues list conference will be held on **June 26, 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, OEB staff shall file a letter to advise the OEB by **June 27**, **2025** and parties shall file written submissions on these matters by **July 7**, **2025**.
- 3. If parties reach an agreement on a proposed issues list, OEB staff shall file the proposed issues list by **June 30, 2025**.

### **OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence**

4. If OEB staff or intervenors wish to file evidence (including expert evidence), they shall submit a request in accordance with Rule 13 by **July 30, 2025**.

## Interrogatories

- 5. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Enbridge Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **August 7, 2025**.
- 6. Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **September 2**, **2025**.

#### **Technical Conference**

- 7. A transcribed technical conference will be held on **September 15, 2025** starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue on **September 16, 2025**. OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Enbridge Gas, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the technical conference, with time estimates, by **September 9, 2025**. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
- 8. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all parties by **October 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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0065** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online filing</u> portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS) Document</u> <u>Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> documents online page of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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, Catherine Nguyen, at Catherine.Nguyen@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler, at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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**DATED** at Toronto, June 17, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

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INTERVENOR AND PARTICIPANT LIST
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