

EB-2025-0065

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application to review five-year gas supply plan

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 June 17, 2025 (revised July 9, 2025)

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.

The application will be heard by Commissioners Anthony Zlahtic (Presiding), Damien A. Côté, and David Sword.

A Notice of Hearing (Notice) was issued on May 26, 2025. On June 17, 2025, the OEB originally issued Procedural Order No. 1 approving certain requests for intervenor status and cost eligibility, and setting out the initial steps for this proceeding. The following day, it emerged that Enbridge Gas had inadvertently not served the Notice on some of the organizations it was directed to serve in the OEB's May 26, 2025 Letter of Direction. By letter dated June 20, 2025, the OEB suspended all the procedural dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1 and directed Enbridge Gas to serve the Notice on the organizations that had not been served. The letter explained that Procedural Order No. 1 would be revised to address any requests to intervene that may be received from organizations that were not initially served with the Notice, as well as certain requests to intervene that had already been received after the original Procedural Order No. 1 was issued. On June 23, 2025, Enbridge Gas confirmed that it had served the Notice on all organizations.

The OEB is therefore reissuing Procedural Order No. 1. **Today's order supersedes the order released on June 17, 2025.** The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- City of Kitchener
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe
- Environmental Defence
- EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR)

- Federation of Rental-housing providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- Minogi Corp. (Minogi)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Six Nations Natural Gas Company Limited (SNNG)
- Summitt Energy Management Inc. (Summitt Energy)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)

BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GFN, IGUA, Minogi, Pollution Probe, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Enbridge Gas.

All requests for intervenor status are approved. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, GFN, IGUA, Minogi, Pollution Probe, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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 **July 22**, **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 **August 1**, **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, the OEB is making provision 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 16, 2025** and continue on **September 17, 2025**, if necessary. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB by **October 2, 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 **July 22, 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 **July 23**, **2025** and parties shall file written submissions on these matters by **August 1**, **2025**.
- 3. If parties reach an agreement on a proposed issues list, OEB staff shall file the proposed issues list by **July 25, 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 **August 13, 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 14**, **2025**.
- Enbridge Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by September 4, 2025.

Technical Conference

- 7. A transcribed technical conference will be held on September 16, 2025 starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue on September 17, 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 10, 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 2, 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*.

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 portal</u>.

- 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.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, June 17, 2025 (revised July 9, 2025)

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar SCHEDULE A TO PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 1 EB-2025-0065 APPLICANT AND INTERVENOR LIST June 17, 2025 (revised July 9, 2025)

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