



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for the Renewal of a Municipal Franchise
Agreement with, and a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity for the City of Guelph**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

August 26, 2025

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 6, 2025, for an order under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* (Act) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the City of Guelph and an order under section 10 of the Act renewing its franchise agreement with the City of Guelph based on the terms and conditions of the Model Franchise Agreement, without amendment.

On July 29, Elson Advocacy filed a letter on behalf of eMERGE Guelph requesting that the OEB place the proceeding into abeyance until the OEB has confirmed whether or not it will hold a generic hearing to review the Model Franchise Agreement. The letter stated that some of the disagreements between the parties could be more fully addressed through a generic hearing and that a temporary suspension of the proceeding is appropriate in the circumstances because it will improve regulatory efficiency by avoiding duplication and there is no prejudice to the applicant or gas customers.

On August 1, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed a letter requesting that the OEB deny the request by eMERGE Guelph to place the application into abeyance. In the letter, Enbridge Gas stated that it would be speculative and unproductive to place this proceeding, which is focused on issues specific to the City of Guelph, into abeyance based on the possibility of generic issues being examined at some time in the future.

On August 5, Elson Advocacy filed a Notice of Motion (Motion) on behalf of eMERGE Guelph under rule 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* seeking an order of the OEB that would require Enbridge Gas to provide full and adequate responses to the following interrogatories: EGI-EMG-5, EGI-EMG-8, EGI-EMG-10, EGI-EMG-11, and EGI-EMG-16. The Motion states that Enbridge Gas has not provided full responses to

the noted interrogatories or alternative relevant information where applicable as required by the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

FINDINGS

The OEB will hear eMERGE Guelph's motion and provide parties with an opportunity to make submissions on the Motion. The OEB reminds the parties that the issues within the scope of this proceeding include any proposed amendment(s) to the terms and conditions of the franchise agreement that may be warranted as a result of circumstances specific to the City of Guelph.

The OEB will address the request by eMerge Guelph that the proceedings be placed into abeyance at a later date.

The OEB will also provide additional procedural guidance at the conclusion of the Motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. eMERGE Guelph shall file submissions in writing with the OEB, and deliver to all other parties, by **September 8, 2025**.
2. OEB Staff and other parties may file a submission on the Motion in writing with the OEB, and deliver to all other parties, by **September 15, 2025**.
3. Any reply submission by eMERGE Guelph shall be filed in writing with the OEB, and delivered to all parties, by **September 22, 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-2025-0058** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Natalya Plummer at Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **August 26, 2025**

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Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar