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Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)

**Application for 2026 Rates** 

**Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Interrogatories** 

OEB File Number: EB-2025-0163

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the OEB staff interrogatories for the above proceeding. This document has been sent to Enbridge Gas and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

Enbridge Gas is reminded that its responses to interrogatories are due by September 29, 2025. Responses to interrogatories, including supporting documentation, must 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.

Yours truly,

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Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2025-0163

# Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) EB-2025-0163 OEB Staff Interrogatories

#### Staff-1

Ref (1): Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 1, page 3 of 6

# Preamble:

In the reference above, the footnote indicates that the rate order is to be updated for October 2022 QRAM.

# Question(s):

Please confirm that the "October 2022 QRAM" wording is a typo, and please provide a correction.

#### Staff-2

Ref (1): Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 3 of 16

#### Preamble:

In Table 1 at the reference above, the Detail Change in Revenue section indicates a 2026 revenue requirement impact of \$51,963,000, due to moving \$50 million of capitalized overheads to O&M in each year of the IRM term to implement the OEB's Phase 1 Decision in Enbridge Gas's 2024 Rebasing Application (EB-2022-0200).

# Question(s):

Please provide the breakdown of the 2026 revenue requirement impact of \$51,963,000 from:

- a) The increase in O&M related revenue requirement
- b) The decrease in return on capital related revenue requirement
- c) The decrease in capital depreciation related revenue requirement

#### Staff-3

Ref (1): Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 8 of 16

#### Preamble:

In the reference above, Enbridge Gas states that there was no Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) adjustment included in 2025 Rates as the final audit of 2023 and/or 2024 was not complete at that time. The final audited 2024 LRAM volumes are still not available, and Enbridge Gas will propose to update for 2024 LRAM as part of a future annual rate setting application.

# Question(s):

- a) Please explain if the final audited 2023 and/or 2024 LRAM volumes will still be relevant and proposed as part of a future annual rate setting application.
- b) Please provide an approximate timeline for when the final audited 2023 and/or 2024 LRAM volumes will become available.

#### Staff-4

Ref (1): Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, pages 10-11 of 16

#### Preamble:

In the reference above, Enbridge Gas states that in Phase 1 2024 Rebasing (EB-2022-0200), it included a forecast consumer Carbon Charge working cash credit of \$184.8 million as part of its working cash allowance component of rate base, which reflected the 2024 forecast level of Carbon Pricing and distribution volumes (excluding customer volumes that were fully or partially exempt from the Federal Carbon Charge). In 2026, the actual working cash needs, and resultant rate base of Enbridge Gas, are increased as the working cash benefit related to the consumer Federal Carbon charge is no longer being realized as of April 1, 2025.

# Question(s):

Please provide the forecast detail, and any calculation to support that the \$184.8 million is the expected 2026 working cash allowance related to carbon pricing collection from customers, if carbon pricing was still in effect.

#### Staff-5

Ref (1): Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 14 of 16

#### Preamble:

In the reference above, Enbridge gas states that it is proposing to correct the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project (PREP) unit rates for Rate 331, Rate 332, Rate M16, and Rate M17 as part of 2026 Rates. The error impacts five customers that currently take service under these rate classes, and the total impact is projected at less than \$700,000.

In the reference above, Enbridge Gas states that any overcollection of PREP amounts would be trued up through the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project Variance Account, but considering the error in the unit rate and that the variance account is not expected to be brought forward for disposition until 2029 Rebasing, Enbridge Gas is requesting that the corrected PREP unit rates be approved effective January 1, 2025. Enbridge Gas will rebill the impacted customers to refund the overcollection in a more timely manner.

# Question(s):

- a) Please clarify if there are also customers being under-allocated of PREP amounts due to the PREP unit rate error.
- b) Please clarify the intended communication approach for notifying the corrected 2025 PREP rates, whether Enbridge Gas intends to communicate to the five customers only, or it is a broader notice to all PREP-related customers.
- c) Please clarify if Enbridge Gas intends to re-issue the related PREP rate schedules retrospectively as at January 1, 2025 for the corrected rates.

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# Staff-6

Ref (1): Exhibit C, Tab 1, Appendix B, Rate Schedules, page 46 of 220, page 48 of 220

# Preamble:

In the reference above, for the EGD Rate Zone, the delivery charge for the R1 includes the Gas Supply Load Balancing Charge while the delivery charge for the R100 does not include the Gas Supply Load Balancing Charge.

# Question(s):

Please explain why some of the delivery charges include the Gas Supply Load Balancing Charge while others do not.