

BY E-MAIL

October 6, 2025

TO: All Participants in EB-2025-0125

**RE: Review and Evaluation of the Integrated Resource Planning Framework for
Enbridge Gas
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2025-0125**

What You Need to Know

- The OEB has released a staff discussion paper to support its review of the Integrated Resource Planning Framework.
- Through this consultation, the OEB aims to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Framework's implementation, evaluate its impact on ratepayers, and identify opportunities to improve how Enbridge Gas plans for system needs.
- Registered participants are invited to attend a stakeholder meeting and submit written comments to help shape potential updates to the Framework.
- All who are interested can keep track of this work on our Engage with Us [website](#).
- The OEB has also issued a decision on cost eligibility for this consultation.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has released an OEB staff discussion paper as part of its consultation to review the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Framework.

Background

IRP is a planning strategy and process that considers both traditional infrastructure solutions (such as pipelines) and IRP Alternatives (sometimes referred to as non-pipeline alternatives in other jurisdictions). It evaluates how these options interact to address the system needs of Enbridge Gas's regulated operations and identifies and implements the option that is in

the best interest of Enbridge Gas and its customers. The OEB's [Integrated Resource Planning \(IRP\) Framework](#), issued in 2021, provides direction to Enbridge Gas as it considers IRP to meet its system needs.

On March 27, 2025, the OEB [announced](#) that it was launching a consultation to support a review and evaluation of the Framework. In doing so, the OEB indicated that the consultation would be informed by challenges and progress in implementing the Framework; an assessment of impacts to date (including benefits to ratepayers); the IRP Pilot Project application (EB-2022-0335); and IRP-related evidence and submissions received during other proceedings. The OEB also indicated that the next step in the consultation would be an OEB staff discussion paper followed by a stakeholder meeting.

All background and materials related to this consultation can be found on the OEB's [Integrated Resource Planning](#) project page on Engage with Us.

OEB Staff Discussion Paper

Today OEB staff published a discussion paper which reviews IRP progress and impacts to date. In this paper, OEB staff proposed an incremental evolution of the existing Framework, including several proposed changes that are likely to better reflect the general principle that Enbridge Gas should be implementing the solution that is in the best interest of Enbridge Gas and its customers. OEB staff proposals would also enable Enbridge Gas to continue efforts to gain learnings on IRP, even where it is not the most near-term cost-effective approach to address system needs. This could better position the OEB and Enbridge Gas to deploy IRP at greater scale, should the opportunity arise. Other proposals, informed by learnings from the implementation-to-date of the current framework, will ensure IRP-related regulatory obligations and processes evolve to remain reasonable and efficient.

Taken together, these proposals are intended to continue to drive the adoption of the most prudent infrastructure or IRP alternative to meet a given system need, while improving the IRP value-to-effort ratio and positioning the natural gas sector to quickly and effectively adapt to various potential future scenarios.

Specific OEB staff proposals (with associated discussion questions) are grouped into the four topics previously identified by the OEB as the focus of this consultation:

- Update and oversight of the Framework
- Innovation
- Electrification as an IRP Alternative
- Other opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Framework

Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting and Provide Written Comments

The OEB is hosting a virtual stakeholder meeting on **October 22, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** to present the discussion paper and address stakeholder questions.

Participants may subsequently file written comments for the OEB's consideration by **November 19, 2025**. Participants are invited to submit comments that address the OEB staff proposals in this discussion paper or provide additional suggestions regarding the Framework.

The OEB will consider the information obtained through the above consultation activities and determine next steps.

Cost Award Matters and Filing Instructions

Participants granted eligibility to apply for cost awards are reminded of the guidance regarding the list of eligible activities and total eligible hours per participant provided in the [OEB's Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) in this proceeding.

Information regarding instructions for filing materials with the OEB is included in Appendix A to this letter.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Michael Parkes at michael.parkes@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll free number is 1-877-632-2727.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Registrar

Appendix A: Filing Instructions

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To Letter Dated Oct. 6, 2025
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Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **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-2025-0156**, for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing 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 [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File 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 [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

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.

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