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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission  
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  
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0058**

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Please find attached OEB staff's submission in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to the letter issued by the OEB on October 16, 2025.

Yours truly,

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cc: All parties in EB-2025-0058



# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **OEB Staff Submission**

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**Introduction**

On October 15, 2025, the OEB issued a letter advising interested stakeholders that it will hold a generic proceeding to review the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement. On October 16, 2025, the OEB issued a letter inviting the parties in this proceeding to file submissions on what the next steps in this proceeding should be in light of this upcoming generic proceeding. The following is OEB staff's submission.

**OEB Staff Submission**

The City of Guelph and Enbridge Gas are co-signatories to a municipal franchise agreement (EB-2006-0248), effective May 16, 2005 for a 20-year term. Enbridge Gas has requested approval for an order under section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* granting the renewal of its franchise agreement with the City of Guelph based on the terms and conditions of the current Model Franchise Agreement for the standard 20-year term. Enbridge Gas has also requested an order under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, granting a new certificate.

OEB staff recommends that the OEB continue to hear the current application in the ordinary course.

As set out in the OEB's procedural orders, the focus of this franchise renewal application is on issues that are specific to the City of Guelph. While the timeframe and scope of a generic proceeding have not yet been defined, OEB staff is of the view that the implementation of any changes that may be made to the Model Agreement will likely be part of the scope of the generic proceeding. These issues can also be addressed in final submissions in the current proceeding.

OEB staff has considered the option of placing this proceeding in abeyance pending the outcome of the generic proceeding. However, for the reasons provided above, OEB staff is of the view that the OEB should continue the hearing.

Based on the procedural steps completed to date, the likely next steps in the normal course of this application would be for the OEB to issue a decision on the Motion that was filed by eMerge Guelph Sustainability (eMERGE Guelph) on September 4, 2025, and to provide for the filing of submissions from the parties. OEB staff submits that the OEB should issue a decision on eMerge Guelph's motion and issue a procedural order establishing the next steps in the proceeding.

OEB staff will address the evidence filed and arguments advanced by the City of Guelph and eMERGE Guelph in final submissions.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~