

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B; and in particular sections 90(1) and 97 thereof;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and ancillary facilities that make up a Community Expansion Project to serve the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst in Ontario.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Preet Gill of the City of Brampton, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am in the employ of Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. On or about September 29, 2025, a search of title for Washago Community Expansion Project, was completed forthwith sufficient to determine the owners and encumbrances with land, or registered interests in land directly affected by the construction of the proposed pipeline and related facilities was conducted (included as part of Exhibit C to this Affidavit).
3. Pursuant to the October 31, 2025, Letter of Direction from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), I caused to be served by courier the Notice of Hearing (Exhibit A), Enbridge Gas' Application including the exhibits listed below (Exhibit B) upon all property owners and encumbrances with lands or interest in lands as shown in Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 3 of Enbridge Gas' pre-filed evidence.
 - Exhibit B-1-1 – Project Need
 - Exhibit C-1-1 – Alternatives
 - Exhibit D-1-1 – Proposed Project, Engineering, and Construction
 - Exhibit E-1-1 – Project Costs & Economics
 - Exhibit F-1-1 – Environmental Matters
 - Exhibit G-1-1 – Land Matters and Agreements
 - Exhibit H-1-1 – Indigenous Consultation
 - Exhibit I-1-1 – Conditions of Approval

4. Attached hereto is proof in the form of Loomis courier confirmation sheets (Exhibit C), that the relevant Notice of Hearing, and Enbridge Gas' Application and evidence was served on those parties noted in the paragraph above as requested by the OEB in the Letter of Direction. Personal information has been redacted from the landowner and encumbrancer listing.

5. As directed by the OEB in the Letter of Direction, attached hereto is proof in the form of an email (Exhibit D) that the relevant Notice of Hearing, and Enbridge Gas' Application and evidence was served on the following parties:
 - a) the clerks of the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst
 - b) all Indigenous communities that have been consulted or with lands or interest in the lands directly affected by the proposed pipeline and related facilities
 - c) the Metis Nations of Ontario, Lands, Resources and Consultation Office, Suite 1100 – 66 Slater Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1
 - d) all affected utilities and railway companies
 - e) Members of the Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee
 - f) Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation

6. In accordance with the Letter of Direction, I caused a copy of the Notice of Hearing and Application and Evidence to be placed in a prominent place on Enbridge Gas' website. Attached as Exhibit E is proof of the information posted to the website.

SWORN before me in the City of)
 Toronto, this 26th day of)
 November, 2025.)
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 A Commissioner for taking Affidavits.

Preet Gill

 Preet Gill
 Regulatory Coordinator

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied for approval to construct approximately 22 kilometres of natural gas pipelines in the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst

Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête en vue d'obtenir l'autorisation de construire des gazoducs d'environ 22 kilomètres dans la collectivité de Washago et les environs, dans le canton de Severn, ainsi que dans la ville de Gravenhurst

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied for approval to construct natural gas pipelines consisting of the following:

- 4.9 km of Nominal Pipe Size 4 polyethylene intermediate pressure natural gas distribution pipeline
- 180 m of Nominal Pipe Size 4 steel intermediate pressure natural gas distribution pipeline for railway crossings
- 17.1 km of Nominal Pipe Size 2 polyethylene intermediate pressure natural gas distribution pipeline

Enbridge Gas states that the pipelines are needed to supply natural gas to approximately 473 forecasted customers located in the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst. Enbridge Gas will also construct ancillary facilities, which include a new distribution station, meters, regulators and service pipelines. Collectively, the pipelines and ancillary facilities comprise the Project. The Project will be completed in three phases over 18 months.

Enbridge Gas has also applied for approval of the forms of agreement it will offer to landowners affected by the routing or location of the Project.

Enbridge Gas intends to charge the OEB-approved System Expansion Surcharge to all new customers that will be taking service from the Project.

The Project was approved to receive funding assistance under Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

The location of the proposed pipelines is shown in the map.

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) a déposé une requête en vue d'obtenir l'autorisation de construire des gazoducs comprenant les éléments suivants :

- 4,9 kilomètres de gazoduc de distribution en polyéthylène à pression intermédiaire de diamètre nominal 4;
- 180 mètres de gazoduc de distribution en acier à pression intermédiaire de diamètre nominal 4 pour les passages à niveau;
- 17,1 kilomètres de gazoduc de distribution en polyéthylène à pression intermédiaire de diamètre nominal 2.

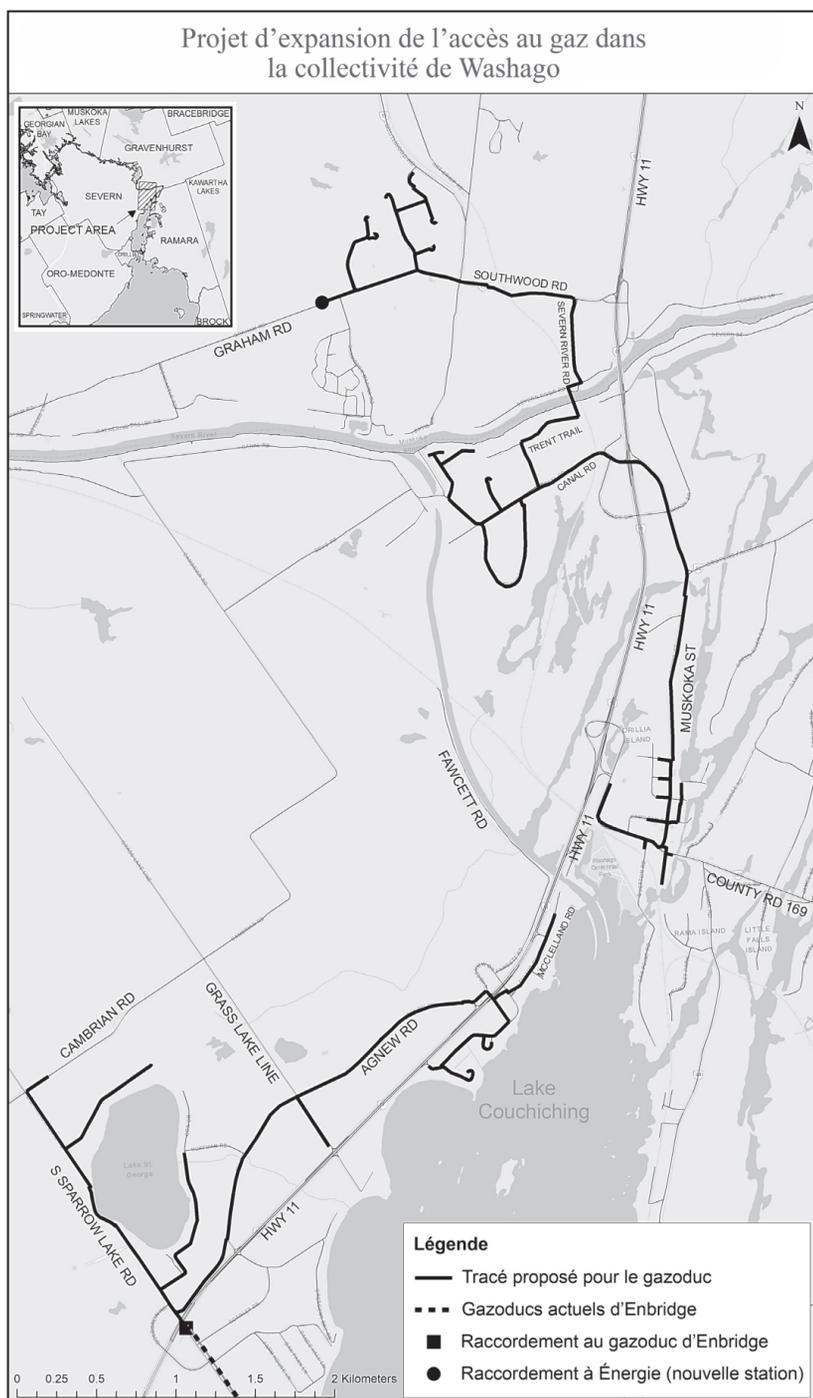
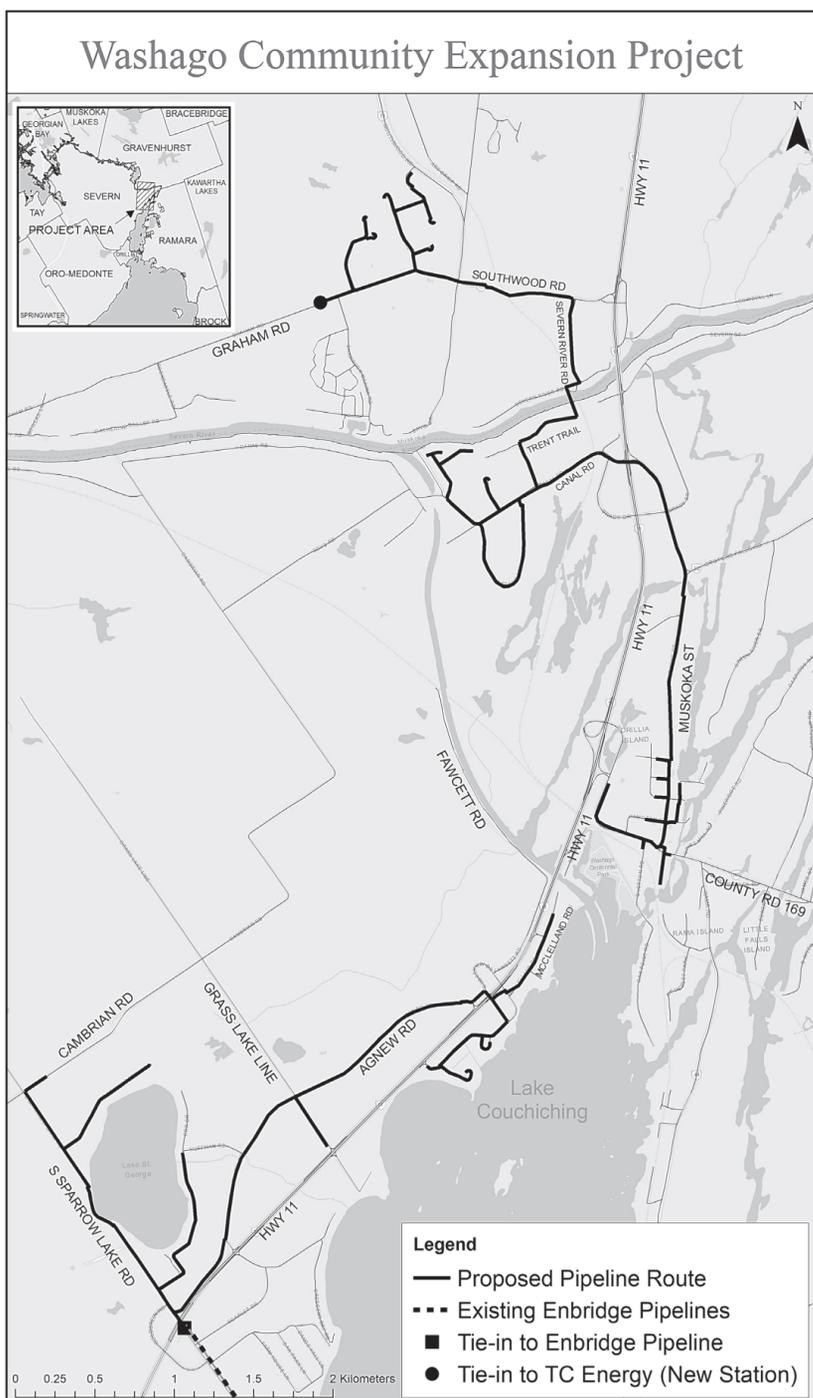
Enbridge Gas affirme que les gazoducs sont nécessaires pour fournir du gaz naturel à environ 473 clients prévus situés dans la collectivité de Washago et les environs, dans le canton de Severn, ainsi que dans la ville de Gravenhurst. Enbridge Gas construira également des installations auxiliaires, qui comprennent une nouvelle station de distribution, des compteurs, des régulateurs et des gazoducs de service. Collectivement, les gazoducs et les installations auxiliaires composent le projet. Le projet sera réalisé en trois phases sur une période de 18 mois.

Enbridge Gas a également demandé l'approbation des formes d'entente qu'elle offrira aux propriétaires fonciers touchés par le tracé ou l'emplacement du projet.

Enbridge Gas a l'intention de facturer le supplément pour le prolongement du réseau approuvé par la CEO à tous les nouveaux clients qui seront desservis par le projet.

Le projet a été approuvé pour recevoir une aide financière dans le cadre de la phase 2 du Programme pour l'expansion de l'accès au gaz naturel du gouvernement de l'Ontario.

L'emplacement des gazoducs proposés est présenté sur la carte.



The OEB will also assess:

- The applicant's compliance with the OEB's *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario*.
- Whether the duty to consult with Indigenous Communities potentially affected by the proposed pipeline has been discharged with respect to the application.

La CEO évaluera également :

- Le respect par le demandeur des *directives environnementales de la CEO concernant l'emplacement, la construction et l'exploitation de gazoducs et d'installations de transport d'hydrocarbures en Ontario*.
- La question de savoir si le demandeur s'est acquitté de son obligation de consulter les collectivités autochtones susceptibles d'être affectées par le gazoduc proposé.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2025-0271** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 24, 2025** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales, les audiences électroniques et les audiences écrites. Le requérant a demandé une audience écrite. Si vous estimez qu'un autre type d'audience serait préférable, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour lui présenter vos arguments. Au cours de cette audience, nous interrogerons le requérant sur son dossier. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des participants inscrits en tant qu'intervenants. Après avoir examiné tous les éléments de preuve, nous déciderons d'approuver ou non cette demande.

DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informés au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus. Visitez le site www.oeb.ca/fr/participez et utilisez le numéro de dossier **EB-2025-0271** pour :

- examiner la requête;
- présenter une demande pour devenir un intervenant;
- envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires.

DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **24 novembre 2025** pour :

- fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
- présenter une demande en vue de devenir un intervenant.

À défaut de cela, l'audience se déroulera sans vous et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente procédure.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Si vous êtes une entreprise ou si vous demandez à devenir un intervenant, tous les renseignements que vous déposez seront disponibles sur le site Web de la CEO.

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AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and ancillary facilities that make up a Community Expansion Project to serve the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst in Ontario.

APPLICATION

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas or the Company) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 90(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and facilities, as described herein, in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst.
2. Specifically, Enbridge Gas seeks OEB approval to construct the following natural gas distribution pipelines to provide natural gas access to the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst (collectively, the Washago Project or the Project):
 - (a) Approximately 4.9 km of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 4 polyethylene (PE) natural gas distribution pipeline,
 - (b) Approximately 180 m of NPS 4 steel (ST) natural gas distribution pipeline, and
 - (c) Approximately 17.1 km of NPS 2 PE natural gas distribution pipeline.

3. For ease of reference and to assist the OEB with preparation of the notice of application for the Project, a map of the proposed facilities is included as Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
4. The Project was identified by the Government of Ontario on June 9, 2021, as one of 28 projects across 43 communities selected for funding in the second phase of its Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP). The NGEP is intended to provide financial support to help utilities expand natural gas distribution in communities that are not currently connected to the natural gas system.
5. If this Application is approved, the Project will provide approximately 473 customers in the community of Washago in the Township of Severn and in the Town of Gravenhurst with access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas distribution services.¹
6. Enbridge Gas has a municipal franchise agreement with each of the Township of Severn² and the Town of Gravenhurst³. Enbridge Gas also holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for any project work within each of the Township of Severn⁴ and the Town of Gravenhurst⁵. These authorizations allow the Company to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system within all parts of the Town.
7. Upon approval of this application, the Project will be completed in three phases (described in more detail at Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1):

¹ 447 customers are residential.

² EB-2022-0232, expiring Dec 21, 2042.

³ EB-2023-0239, expiring Dec 19, 2043.

⁴ EB-2022-0232, dated Dec 1, 2022.

⁵ EB-2023-0239, dated Nov 2, 2023.

- a) Phase 1 is planned to commence in April 2027 and be placed into service by September 2027;
 - b) Phase 2 is planned to commence in July 2027 and be placed into service by January 2028; and
 - c) Phase 3 is planned to commence in December 2027 and be placed into service by September 2028.
8. The proposed construction schedule can be found at Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.
 9. Enbridge Gas will charge a System Expansion Surcharge (SES) to all new customers taking gas distribution service from the Project. In accordance with the OEB's EB-2020-0094 Decision and Order, the SES will be a fixed volumetric rate of \$0.23 per cubic metre of gas to be charged in addition to Enbridge Gas's base distribution rates as approved by the OEB. The SES will be charged to all customers taking gas distribution service from the Project for a term of 40 years. Detailed information about the proposed SES and its applicability to the Project can be found in Exhibit E.
 10. If the OEB determines that it will conduct a hearing for this application, then Enbridge Gas requests that it proceed by way of written hearing in English.
 11. Enbridge Gas requests that the OEB make the following orders:
 - a) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Act, an Order granting leave to construct the Project; and
 - b) pursuant to section 97 of the Act, an Order approving the form of temporary land use agreements and easement agreements found at Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachments 1 and 2.

12. Enbridge Gas requests that copies of all documents filed with the OEB in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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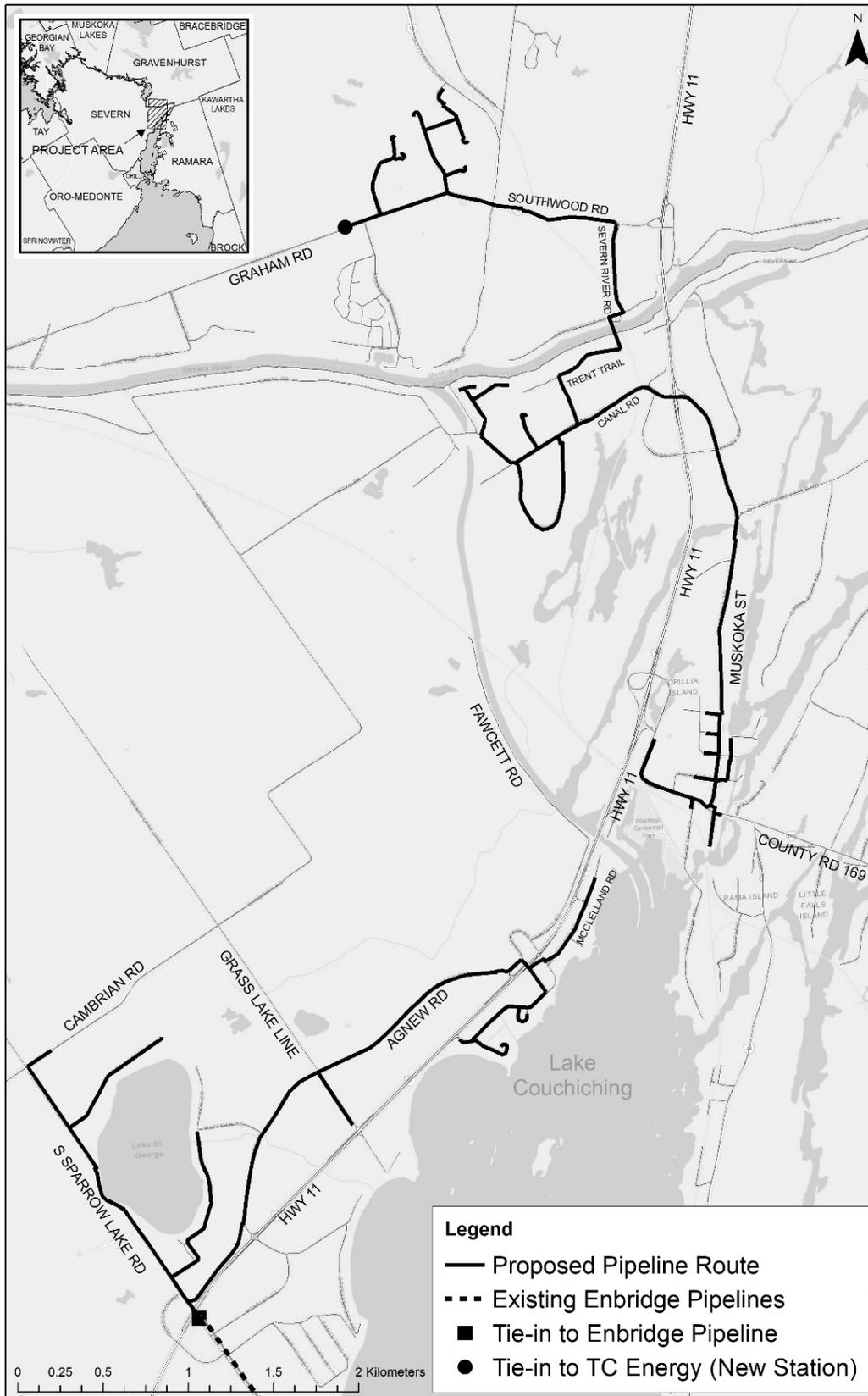
DATED at the City of Toronto, Ontario this 7th day of October, 2025.

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Patricia Squires

Patricia Squires
Manager, Regulatory Applications
Leave to Construct

Washago Community Expansion Project



Last Updated: 9/5/2025



PROJECT NEED

Introduction

1. The Project will make natural gas available to approximately 473 forecasted customers in the community of Washago and surrounding areas in the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst. Expansion of Enbridge Gas's natural gas distribution system in these areas will further the Government of Ontario's efforts pursuant to the NGEF to have gas service made available to communities in Ontario that are currently not served.
2. The Project is composed of:
 - Approximately 4.9 km of NPS 4 PE natural gas distribution pipeline,
 - Approximately 180 m of NPS 4 ST natural gas distribution pipeline for railway crossings,
 - Approximately 17.1 km of NPS 2 PE natural gas distribution pipeline, and
 - Ancillary facilities including a new distribution station at the TC Energy tie-in location and customer services (meters, regulators and service pipelines).

The Government of Ontario NGEF

3. The Project is one of those previously approved to receive funding assistance from Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's NGEF. The Government of Ontario describes the NGEF as follows:

The Natural Gas Expansion Program was created under the *Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018* to help expand access to natural gas to areas of Ontario that currently do not have access to the natural gas distribution system. This program encourages communities to partner with gas distributors on potential expansion

projects that would not be built without additional financial support and submit information on these proposals to the Ontario Energy Board.¹

4. As part of Phase 2 of the NGEF process, Enbridge Gas filed proposals for 207 potential community expansion and economic development projects. On June 9, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced that 28 projects across 43 communities were selected for funding under Phase 2 of the NGEF, including the Project. The press release is included as Attachment 1.
5. By proceeding with the Project, Enbridge Gas will expand access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas service to the communities described above in direct support of the NGEF.

Delivering the Energy that Customers Want and Need

6. Enbridge Gas has consulted with the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst. The Township of Severn has emphasized its support for the Project via a letter of support dated June 12, 2025 which is set out in Attachment 2. The Town of Gravenhurst has indicated its support for the Project with a letter of support dated September 24, 2025, which is included at Attachment 3.
7. Enbridge Gas will continue to engage with stakeholders, including holding events within the community and providing information and support to residents to ensure that residents' questions and concerns are addressed and forecasted customer attachments are realized.

¹ <https://www.ontario.ca/page/natural-gas-expansion-program>

Market Research

8. Enbridge Gas also retained Forum Research, a third-party independent research supplier, to conduct quantitative research to ascertain interest in obtaining natural gas service amongst residential households in the Project area. The research was conducted between July 23 and August 9, 2023. Surveying was conducted door-to-door and via letters distributed to residents, with follow-up online and computer-assisted telephone interviewing (“CATI”) surveys.
9. The survey informed residents about the proposed Project and sought information pertaining to the characteristics of dwellings/buildings, including:
 - their nature (i.e., residential, commercial or industrial space, etc.);
 - the current fuel type relied upon; and
 - interest in converting to natural gas-fueled equipment and/or appliances.
10. A total of 296 surveys were completed. Results from the Forum Research Survey indicate that the primary energy source of heat in the Project area is propane (72% use propane as their main energy source). Electric heat pumps were counted separately from electric resistance heating, with 3% of respondents indicating electric heat pumps as their primary heating source (2% electric air source heat pumps and 1% electric ground source heat pumps). Some households use electric baseboard/furnace resistance heating (10%) or oil and wood as their main heating source (7% and 6%, respectively). Survey respondents were provided a brochure (see Attachment 4) that provided information regarding fuel conversion (including information regarding the System Expansion Surcharge). The brochure also provided a link to a Natural Resources Canada website² that has information

² <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/energy-star-canada/about/energy-star-announcements/publications/12527>

regarding the availability of non-natural gas alternatives such as electric heat pumps. 83% of respondents overall are likely (extremely likely, very likely or likely) to connect to natural gas. Of those likely to connect to natural gas, 78% indicated that they would do so within one year of natural gas service becoming available, 18% indicated they would convert within one to two years of natural gas service becoming available, and the remaining 5% would convert after two years of natural gas service becoming available. The results of this survey are summarized in Attachment 5.

11. Enbridge Gas will continue to promote the efficient use of natural gas, current offers, and incentives to all residents and businesses in the Project area. The Company will work cooperatively with local heating contractors to support consumer conversions to natural gas.

Growth Forecast

12. Table 1 below provides the Company's expected ten-year growth forecast for customer additions in the Project area. The ten-year growth forecast has been informed by current Municipal Property Assessment Corporation data and survey results discussed above, indicating that a high level of conversions is likely.

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Table 1: Forecasted Customer Attachments for the Project

Customer Additions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total Forecasted
Conversions											
Residential Units (Singles)	178	112	90	35	10	7	4	4	4	4	447
Commercial (small, medium, large)	0	10	5	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	26
Total	178	122	95	40	13	9	5	4	4	3	473

Related Enbridge Gas Projects

13. While the Project is one of many community expansion projects proposed by Enbridge Gas, the Project itself does not contain any planned future phases beyond what is described in this Application, and is not dependent upon any previously filed leave to construct application by Enbridge Gas. This Project is designed exclusively to serve the Project area discussed above and throughout the balance of this application.

Conclusion

14. The Project is required to support the NGEP and is designed to expand access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas to areas of Ontario that do not currently have it. The need for the Project is directly supported by the Township of Severn and the Town of Gravenhurst through their request for natural gas for their constituents, and by the interest in natural gas service within the community as derived from the market research.

ALTERNATIVES

Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) Alternatives

1. The Decision and Order for Enbridge Gas’s Integrated Resource Planning Framework Proposal (EB-2020-0091) was issued on July 22, 2021. This Decision was accompanied by an Integrated Resource Planning Framework for Enbridge Gas (“IRP Framework”)¹. The IRP Framework provides guidance from the OEB about the nature, timing and content of IRP considerations for future identified system needs. The IRP Framework provides Binary Screening Criteria in order to focus IRP assessments on identified system needs where there is reasonable expectation that an IRP alternative could efficiently and economically meet a system need.
2. Enbridge Gas has applied the IRP Binary Screening Criteria to the Project and determined that because it is a community expansion project driven by government legislation, an IRP evaluation is not required. In its Decision and Order on the IRP Framework, the OEB explains that “[g]iven the goal of the Ontario Government’s Access to Natural Gas legislation to extend gas service to designated communities, the OEB will not require Enbridge Gas to develop an IRP Plan or consider alternatives to the infrastructure facilities to meet this need.”²
3. Further, the OEB found, in its Decision and Order relating to the Haldimand Shores Community Expansion Project, the following:

In EB-2020-0091 the OEB approved an integrated resource planning process for Enbridge Gas that required an evaluation and comparison of options to meet energy supply needs. To meet the Ontario Government’s Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP) objective of bringing service to unserved communities the OEB provided that the consideration of such options or alternatives was not required for NGEP approved projects that have been designated in Ontario Regulation

¹ EB-2020-0091, OEB IRP Framework (Appendix A of OEB Decision and Order), July 22, 2021.

² Ibid., p. 10.

24/19. The OEB's decision in this proceeding is in accordance with its approved integrated resource planning process.³

4. The OEB has also recently issued decisions and orders granting similar relief related to several other NGEF Community Expansion projects. These include the Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project⁴, Neustadt Community Expansion Project⁵, and Eganville Community Expansion Project⁶.

5. Consequently, per the fourth criterion of the OEB's Binary Screening Criteria, the need underpinning the Project does not warrant further IRP consideration or assessment:

iv. Community Expansion & Economic Development – If a facility project has been driven by government legislation or policy with related funding explicitly aimed at delivering natural gas into communities, then an IRP evaluation is not required.⁷

Facility Alternatives

6. As discussed in Exhibit B, the Project was designed in response to the Government of Ontario's *Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018* and NGEF (Phase 2) which called for communities and natural gas distributors to work together to expand access to natural gas in unserved areas of Ontario. Accordingly, a description of the proposed Project (including preliminary facility design and estimated Project costs) was submitted to the OEB and the Government of Ontario. On the basis of this proposal, on June 9, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced that the Project (along with 27 others) was selected for funding under Phase 2 of the NGEF.

³ EB-2022-0088, Decision and Order, August 18, 2022, p.7.

⁴ EB-2022-0111, Decision and Order, May 14, 2024, p.16.

⁵ EB-2023-0261, Decision and Order, May 23, 2024, p.13.

⁶ EB-2023-0201, Decision and Order, May 30, 2024, p.14.

⁷ EB-2020-0091, Decision and Order, July 22, 2021, p.11.

7. Considering that the Project was previously reviewed and approved by the Government of Ontario and the OEB for the purposes of granting funding under Phase 2 of the NGEP, Enbridge Gas did not assess other facility alternatives.

Routing Alternatives

8. Attachment 1 to Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 1 depicts the area that the proposed Project will serve. One alternative route segment was considered for Phase 1 of the Project, and one alternative route segment was considered for Phase 2 of the Project. The evaluation of the Preliminary Preferred Route (“PPR”) and alternative routes, and the rationale for the selection of the preferred route (“PR”), are described in the Environmental Report (“ER”) at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1. While defining the Project’s scope, adjustments were made to include as many potential customers as possible while maintaining overall project feasibility.

PROPOSED PROJECT, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

Proposed Project

1. The Project is proposed to be built in three phases over 18 months.
2. Phase 1 of the Project will tie into the existing NPS 4 PE Enbridge Gas system near the intersection of Goldstein Road and Highway 11 in the township of Severn and will travel north-west crossing Highway 11. Natural gas pipeline will then travel north-east along Agnew Road to Shoreview Drive where the pipeline will cross back over Highway 11. Distribution mains through Phase 1 will be constructed around Lake St. George and around the northern edge of Lake Couchiching. Approximately 9 km of NPS 2 and NPS 4 PE will be installed in Phase 1.
3. Phase 2 of the Project will connect to a proposed new station on the south side of Graham Road in the Town of Gravenhurst. The new station will be connected to TC Energy's existing pipeline. From the new station, natural gas pipeline will head east along Graham Road and Southwood Road, turning south on Severn River Road. It will continue along Trent Trail, Canal Road, Cooper Falls Road, and Muskoka Street. Along this route, the NPS 4 PE pipeline will cross the Severn River near the Canadian National Railway bridge into the Township of Severn. The pipeline will also cross Highway 11 at Canal Road and two railways with NPS 4 ST. Distribution mains will continue west of the intersection at Canal Road and Trent Trail. Approximately 9.5 km of NPS 2 and NPS 4 PE, and approximately 180m of NPS 4 ST will be installed in Phase 2.

4. Phase 3 of the Project will continue down Muskoka Street to Country Road 169, with distribution mains extending east and west of Muskoka Street. Approximately 3.5 km of NPS 2 PE will be installed in Phase 3.
5. Ancillary facilities for the Project will include customer services and proposed station work.

Project Construction

6. Enbridge Gas will ensure that all piping components for the Project will be designed, installed, and tested in accordance with specifications outlined in Enbridge Gas's Construction and Maintenance Manual ("Specifications"). This manual meets or exceeds the requirements of *CSA Z662 – Oil and Gas Pipeline System standard and Ontario Regulation 210/01, Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems*.
7. Enbridge Gas will construct the Project using qualified construction contractors and Enbridge Gas employees. Each of these groups will follow the Specifications which will be updated to reflect site-specific conditions of the Project as per the findings in the Environmental Report and the Environmental Protection Plan discussed in Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1. All construction, installation and testing of the Project will be witnessed and certified by a valid Gas Pipeline Inspection Certificate Holder.
8. Pipe may be installed using either the trench method or the trenchless method (horizontal directional drilling) or a combination of both. Restoration and monitoring will be conducted to ensure successful environmental mitigation for the Project.

9. Pipeline construction is divided into several crews that create a mobile assembly line. Each crew performs a different function, with a finished product left behind when the last crew has completed its work.
10. Contractors are required to erect safety barricades, fences, signs or flashers, or to use flag persons as may be appropriate, around any excavation across or along a road.
11. Construction of the pipeline may include the following activities:
 - (a) Locating Running Line
The location where the pipeline is to be installed (the running line) is established initially. For pipelines within road allowances, the adjacent property lines are identified, and the running line is set at a specified distance from the property line. For pipelines located on private easement, the easement is surveyed, and the running line is set at the specified distance from the edge of the easement. The distance from the start of the pipeline (or other suitable point) is marked on the pipeline stakes and the drawings.
 - (b) Clearing and Grading
The right-of-way is prepared for the construction of the pipeline. When required, bushes, trees and crops are removed, and the ground is leveled. When required, the topsoil is stripped and stored, and/or sod is lifted.
 - (c) Stringing
The joints of pipe are laid end-to-end on supports that keep the pipe off the ground to prevent damage to the pipe.

(d) Installation

Pipe may be installed using either the trench method or the trenchless method dependent on-site geology. All utilities that will be crossed or paralleled by the pipeline within the identified construction area will be located by the appropriate utility owner prior to installing the pipeline. Prior to construction, all such utilities will be hand-located or hydro vacuumed to identify their location.

Trench Method: Trenching is done by using a trenching machine, backhoe or excavator depending upon the ground conditions. Provisions are made to allow residents access to their property, as required. All drainage tiles that are cut during the trench excavation are flagged to signify that a repair will be required. All tiles are measured and recorded as to size, depth, type and quality, and this information is kept on file.

Rock Excavation: Rock in solid beds or masses will be fractured and removed using either a Hoe Ram and/or expanding grout as a preferred method.

Trenchless Method: Trenchless methods are alternate methods used to install pipelines under railways, roads, sidewalks, trees and environmentally sensitive areas and watercourses. One of the trenchless methods proposed for this Project is horizontal directional drilling. This method involves setting up a receiving hole and an exit hole, drilling a pilot hole on the design path, reaming the pilot hole larger by passing a cutting tool and pulling the pipe back through the bored hole. The Severn River is proposed to be crossed via horizontal directional drilling. Other common methods are boring and ploughing which may also be utilized in the installation of the infrastructure for the Project.

(e) Tie-Ins

The sections of pipelines that have been buried using either the trench or trenchless method are joined together (tied-in).

(f) Cleaning and Testing

To complete the construction, the pipeline is cleaned and tested in accordance with Specifications and placed into service.

(g) Backfilling and Restoration

When construction of the Project is complete, the work area is backfilled and leveled; sod is replaced in lawn areas and other grassed areas are re-seeded. After the trench is backfilled, drainage tile is repaired as applicable. Where required, concrete, asphalt and gravel are replaced, and all areas affected by the construction of the pipeline are returned to as close to original condition as possible. As a guide, to show the original condition of the area, photos and/or a video will be taken before any work commences. When the clean-up is completed, the approval of landowners or appropriate government authority is obtained.

Design Specifications & Testing Procedures

12. The design specifications for the Project are provided in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below. The specifications are representative of the entire Project. Higher wall thickness, higher grade, or higher category piping may also be used in water crossings pending final engineering assessment and calculations. Testing procedures for the Project are discussed below.

Table 1
NPS 4 PE Pipeline Design Specifications

<u>Description</u>	<u>Design Specification</u>	<u>Unit</u>
External Diameter	114.3	mm
Standard Dimension Ratio	11	-
Material Specification	CSA B137.4, latest edition	-
Material Designation	Medium Density PE (PE 2708)	-
	<u>Components</u>	
Fittings	CSA B137.4	-
Flanges	N/A	-
Valves	CSA B16.40	-
	<u>Design Data</u>	
Class Location	4	-
Design Pressure	420	kPa
Maximum Operating Pressure	420	kPa
Minimum Depth of Cover	1.0	m
Method of Construction	Open Cut/Horizontal Directional Drill/Plough	-
	<u>Concurrent Strength & Leak Test Data</u>	
Test Medium	Air or Nitrogen	
Test Pressure (Min/Max)	700 / 770	kPa
Min Test Duration	8 hr	hr

13. The NPS 4 PE pipeline will be concurrently strength and leak tested after the installation of the pipe, for a minimum duration as shown in Table 1.

Table 2
NPS 4 ST Pipeline Design Specifications

<u>Description</u>	<u>Design Specification</u>	<u>Unit</u>
External Diameter	114.3	mm
Nominal Wall Thickness	4.8	mm
Material Specification	C.S.A. Standard Z245.1 or API 5L, latest editions	-
Material Designation	Grade 290	-
<u>Components</u>		
Fittings	N/A	-
Flanges	N/A	-
Valves	N/A	-

<u>Design Data</u>		
Class Location	4	-
Design Pressure	420	kPa
Maximum Operating Pressure	420	kPa
Minimum Depth of Cover	1.2	m
Method of Construction	Open Cut/Horizontal Directional Drill/Plough	-
<u>Concurrent Strength & Leak Test Data</u>		
Test Medium	Air or Nitrogen	
Test Pressure (Min/Max)	700 / 770	kPa
Min Test Duration	8 hr	hr

14. The NPS 4 ST pipeline will be concurrently strength and leak tested after the installation of the pipe, for a minimum duration as shown in Table 2.

Table 3
NPS 2 PE Pipeline Design Specifications

<u>Description</u>	<u>Design Specification</u>	<u>Unit</u>
External Diameter	60.3	mm
Standard Dimension Ratio (SDR)	11	-
Material Specification	CSA B137.4, latest edition	-
Material Designation	Medium Density PE (PE 2708)	-
<u>Components</u>		
Fittings	CSA B137.4	-
Flanges	N/A	-
Valves	CSA B16.40	-
<u>Design Data</u>		
Class Location	4	-
Design Pressure	420	kPa
Maximum Operating Pressure	420	kPa
Minimum Depth of Cover	1.0	m
Method of Construction	Open Cut/Horizontal Directional Drill/Plough	-
<u>Concurrent Strength & Leak Test Data</u>		
Test Medium	Air or Nitrogen	
Test Pressure (Min/Max)	700 / 770	kPa
Min Test Duration	1 hr	hr

15. The NPS 2 PE pipeline will be concurrently strength and leak tested after the installation of the pipe, for a minimum duration as shown in Table 3.

TSSA Correspondence

16. Enbridge Gas has sent the application for the design of the proposed facilities to the Technical Standards & Safety Authority (“TSSA”) on August 18, 2025. The TSSA has yet to provide their review of the design. Enbridge Gas will not begin construction of the Project until the TSSA has issued a positive review of the Project design.

Timing

17. The construction schedule is shown at Attachment 1. As proposed, the construction schedule will enable some residents to use natural gas for the 2027/2028 heating season. To meet the planned in-service date, Enbridge Gas must commence construction by April 2027.

PROJECT COSTS AND ECONOMICS

Project Cost

1. The total cost for the proposed Project is estimated to be \$28.1 million (as set out in Table 1 below), of which \$22.9 million is attributed to pipeline facilities for which the Company is seeking leave to construct via the current Application, and \$5.2 million is attributed to ancillary facilities for which the Company is not seeking leave to construct.

Table 1: Estimated Project Costs (\$CAD)

Item No.	Description	Pipeline Facility Costs Distribution Pipeline	Ancillary Facility Costs ¹	Total Costs
1	Material	214,757	492,997	707,754
2	Construction	14,380,723	3,084,921	17,465,644
3	Outside Services	4,140,628	755,816	4,896,444
4	Land, Permits, Approvals and Consultations	349,282	2,622	351,904
5	Contingency	3,416,916	826,520	4,243,436
6	Sub-Total	22,502,306	5,162,876	27,665,182
7	Interest During Construction	414,535	11,015	425,550
8	Total Project Cost	22,916,841	5,173,891	28,090,732
9		Original Proposed Cost		28,859,544
10		Variance (8-9)		(768,812)

2. The Project cost estimate set out in Table 1 above includes a 20% contingency applied to all direct capital costs commensurate with the current design stage of the

¹ Ancillary facilities include station work and customer services (meters, regulators and service pipelines).

Project and related risks/uncertainties. This contingency amount has been calculated based on the risk profile of the Project and is consistent with contingency amounts calculated for other Phase 2 NGEF projects.

3. The cost estimate set out above is lower than the amount estimated in the Company's original project proposal to the Government of Ontario for funding under Phase 2 of the NGEF by approximately \$768,812 (EB-2019-0255). The cost variance is mainly due to a decrease in the forecasted pipe lengths and a decrease in forecasted customer attachments, which was a result of field investigations that identified constructability constraints in specific areas.

Project Economics

4. As set out in Table 1 above, the total estimated cost of the Project is \$28.1 million (including both pipeline and ancillary facilities). These costs include materials, construction and labour, external costs, contingencies and interest during construction ("IDC").
5. An economic analysis has been completed in accordance with the OEB's recommendations in its E.B.O. 188 Report of the Board on Natural Gas System Expansion. A Discounted Cash Flow ("DCF") analysis for the Project is included at Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
6. The DCF analysis for the Project has been prepared based on the Company's latest feasibility parameters (i.e., long-term debt rates, discount rates, tax rates, etc.), and includes a System Expansion Surcharge and funding to be obtained from Phase 2 of the Ontario Government's NGEF. Attachment 2 to this Exhibit shows the key inputs, parameters and assumptions used in completing the DCF analysis.

7. The Project time horizon is 40 years in accordance with E.B.O. 188 guidelines.

NGEP Funding

8. On July 1, 2019, section 36.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* came into effect pursuant to the *Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018*, which establishes a framework for the funding of natural gas expansion projects by natural gas ratepayers. O. Reg. 24/19, *Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution Systems*, made under the OEB Act, sets out projects that are eligible for financial support subject to receiving any necessary OEB approvals, the mechanism by which funding is collected from ratepayers and distributed to the project proponents. The Regulation also requires that rate-regulated natural gas distributors charge each of their customers \$1 per month (for each account that the customer has with the natural gas distributor) to provide funding for the eligible expansion projects. Schedule 2 of the Regulation establishes the Project as one to receive funding up to \$19,204,171.
9. The DCF analysis includes this \$19.2 million of funding, which is treated similarly to a contribution in aid of construction (“CIAC”). The total capital cost net of funding over the 10-year attachment horizon is \$8.9 million.

System Expansion Surcharge

10. To assist with the economic feasibility of the Project, Enbridge Gas will charge an SES of \$0.23 per m³ to customers attaching to the Project for a term of 40 years, in a manner that is consistent with the criteria and mechanism approved in the OEB’s EB-2020-0094 Decision and Order:
 - The SES is proposed for a community expansion project with a Profitability Index (“PI”) of less than 1.0; and
 - The SES is proposed for a project providing first-time natural gas access to more than 50 potential customers.

11. The Project is expected to connect approximately 473 new customers to Enbridge Gas's system.

Rate Stability Period

12. Also consistent with the direction in the OEB's EB-2020-0094 Decision,² upon placing the Project into service, Enbridge Gas will apply a 10-year Rate Stability Period ("RSP") during which the Company will bear the risk of the Project customer attachment and capital expenditure forecasts. In its 2024 Rate Rebasing Application (EB-2022-0200), Enbridge Gas has included the forecasted customer additions and capital cost of the Project as outlined in the Company's EB-2019-0255 submission for NGEP funding. At the next rebasing application after the ten-year RSP expires, Enbridge Gas will use actual revenues and actual capital costs of the Project to determine any revenue sufficiency or deficiency for rate-setting purposes. If the expiry of the ten-year RSP occurs during an incentive rate mechanism ("IRM") and not a rebasing year, any excess revenue or shortfall in rates would form part of the utility revenue that is subject to earnings sharing until the next rebasing, depending on the approved IRM framework at the time.

Economic Feasibility

13. Detailed calculations of Project feasibility including the SES and NGEP funding are included at Attachment 1 to this Exhibit. Based on the forecast of costs and revenues before SES and NGEP funding, the Project has a PI of 0.25, which improves to 0.41 with the inclusion of the SES. The Company will require the NGEP funding to support the economic feasibility of the Project. After SES and NGEP funding, the Project has a net present value ("NPV") of \$295,789 and a PI of 1.04.

² EB-2020-0094 Decision and Order, November 5, 2020, pp.8-9.

14. The estimated PI of 1.04 is based on Enbridge Gas's most recent estimate of Project capital cost and forecasted revenues. The estimates of Project NPV and PI are subject to change as the Project progresses through the design and construction phase. Any variances from forecasted Project capital cost or revenues, including variances in the customer attachment forecast for the Project, will be managed by Enbridge Gas during the RSP. The final PI will be determined using actual information and will be communicated to the OEB through the filing of the Company's next rebasing application after the expiry of the RSP.

15. Based on the results of the E.B.O. 188 analysis outlined above and given the NGEP funding and SES, Enbridge Gas submits that the Project is economically justified.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Environmental Report

1. Enbridge Gas retained Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to complete a route evaluation and environmental and socio-economic impact study for the Project. This study included a cumulative effects assessment and a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (AA) to support the selection of the preferred route for the Project (PR). As part of the study, Enbridge Gas and Dillon implemented a consultation program with interested and potentially affected parties, including Indigenous communities. Feedback received during consultation was considered in the evaluation of route alternatives and integrated into the study findings. Mitigation measures to minimize potential environmental and community impacts during construction and operation have been identified and are expected to be implemented as part of the Project.
2. The results of the study are documented in the Environmental Report (ER) entitled *Washago Community Expansion Project: Environmental Report* included at Attachment 1 to this Exhibit. The ER conforms to the OEB's Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, 8th Edition, 2023 (OEB Guidelines).
3. Enbridge Gas supports Dillon's findings.
4. The principal objective of the study was to outline various environmental mitigation and protection measures for the construction and operation of the Project while meeting the intent of the OEB Guidelines. To meet this objective, the study was prepared to:

- Identify a PR that reduced potential environmental impacts;
 - Complete a detailed review of environmental and socio-economic features along the PR and assess the potential environmental impacts of the Project on these features;
 - Establish mitigation and protective measures that may be used to reduce or eliminate potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of the Project;
 - Develop an engagement and consultation program to receive input from interested and potentially affected parties; and
 - Identify any necessary supplemental studies, monitoring, and contingency plans.
5. Details of the study process, routing analysis, and engagement and consultation program can be found in Sections 2.0, 2.1.2 and 3 of the ER, respectively.
6. A Notice of Upcoming Project (NUP) was sent to identified Indigenous communities¹ via email on March 4, 2025, and to elected officials and government agencies (i.e., federal, provincial, and municipal), other interest groups², and the Agency Contact List³ including members of the Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee (OPCC), on March 3, 2025.
7. The NUP was also published in Orillia Matters from March 28, 2025 to April 17, 2025. Project Contact Lists can be found in Appendix E of the ER and a copy of the NUP can be found in Appendix A.4 of the ER. The NUP introduced the Project,

¹ Identified by the Ministry of Energy and Mines in their Delegation Letter dated January 17, 2025 (see Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1 for more details).

² Identified in the ER at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Appendix E, Section 1.7

³ The Agency Contact List contains relevant municipal, provincial, and federal agencies with potential regulatory, permitting, or review responsibilities for the Project.

provided a general map of the study area and listed the designated Project contact information.

8. A Notice of Study Commencement (NOC) and In-Person and Virtual Information Session letters for the Project were emailed to all parties identified on the Indigenous Contact List and to elected officials and government agencies (i.e., federal, provincial, and municipal) on March 20, 2025, and to the Agency Contact List including members of the OPCC, and other interest groups on March 28, 2025. Letters were also mailed out to landowners located in the study area for the Project via Canada Post on March 28, 2025. Generic copies of the letters noted above can be found in Appendix H of the ER. The letters included a description of the Project, a map of the study area, the format and dates of the In-Person and Virtual Information Sessions, and the designated Project contact information. A copy of the NOSC can be found in Appendix F of the ER.
9. During the consultation process for development of the ER, Enbridge Gas and Dillon received comments from the public, agencies, interest groups, municipal and elected officials and Indigenous groups. Stakeholder Engagement Logs and Indigenous Consultation logs can be found in Appendices G and L of the ER.
10. Additionally, as per the OEB Guidelines, the draft ER was circulated to Indigenous communities and to the OPCC and representatives from federal, provincial, and municipal government agencies and other interested stakeholders via email for their review on July 6, 2025, with comments requested by August 18, 2025. The draft ER was also circulated to Wendat Nation on July 9, 2025, with comments requested by August 25, 2025. Enbridge Gas commits to working to address comments received from all parties throughout the entirety of the Project. A summary of comments

received and subsequent responses related to the review of the draft ER is set out in Appendix A.6 of the ER.

11. The ER identifies eleven watercourses (Figure 4-5) that will be crossed along the PR during construction. These watercourses will be crossed using the horizontal directional drilling method (HDD). Mitigation measures associated with water crossings via HDD can be found in Section 8.0, Table 8-1 of the ER. Any necessary permits will be obtained from Parks Canada and/or Ministry of Natural Resources prior to the start of construction. Measures to protect fish and fish habitat will also be implemented and will meet Fisheries and Oceans Canada requirements.

Routing

12. Enbridge Gas retained Dillon to review the potential routes for the Project using existing municipal right of ways (where possible) and with consideration for environmental and socio-economic constraints. Details on the route evaluation and selection process can be found in Section 5.0 of the ER.

Mitigation Measures

13. Construction of the Project will be conducted in accordance with Enbridge Gas's relevant policies and procedures, the recommendations in the ER, conditions from agency consultation and approvals, and mitigation measures identified and agreed to through consultation with Indigenous communities in relation to environmental matters associated with the proposed works. These mitigation measures will be communicated to the construction contractor prior to the commencement of construction of the Project. When required, a qualified Environmental Inspector or suitable representative will be available to assist the Construction Supervisor in

seeing that mitigation measures and requirements established by permitting agencies and any OEB conditions of approval are adhered to and that commitments made by Enbridge Gas to the public, Indigenous communities, landowners and agencies are honored. The Environmental Inspector and/or Project Manager will also assess and mitigate any unforeseen environmental circumstances that arise before, during and after construction.

14. Recommended mitigation measures for potential effects have been developed in the ER to address environmental and socio-economic features found along the PR. A summary of potential effects and recommended mitigation measures and protective measures can be found in Section 6.0 of the ER.

15. Using the mitigation measures and monitoring and contingency plans found within the ER and additional mitigation measures provided by Indigenous communities and regulatory agencies via the permitting and approval process, the construction of this Project will have negligible impacts on the environment. No significant environmental or cumulative effects are anticipated from development of the Project.

Cultural Heritage Screening and Assessment Reports

16. A Cultural Heritage Screening Report was completed for the Project and submitted to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). The Cultural Heritage Screening Report includes the MCM Cultural Heritage Checklist and is provided in Appendix B of the ER.

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17. A Cultural Heritage Assessment Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment (CHECPA) will be completed on the selected PR. Enbridge Gas will work to adhere to recommendations arising from the CHECPA.

Archaeological Assessments

18. A Stage 1 AA was completed by Dillon on June 23, 2025, and following submission to the MCM was entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The Stage 1 AA can be found in Appendix A of the ER. A Stage 2 AA of the PR will be completed. The assessment is scheduled to be undertaken in Q2 2026 prior to construction, with the resulting report to be submitted to the MCM for entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Any mitigation measures or recommendations for construction from the Stage 2 AA will be communicated to the construction team.

19. Indigenous communities will be invited to participate in the field work of the Stage 2 AA.

LAND MATTERS & AGREEMENTS

Land Requirements

1. The Preferred Route ("PR") for the Project is summarized in Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1 and in Section 5.0 of the ER, found at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.
2. Existing public road allowance will be followed for the majority of the PR. Enbridge Gas will obtain municipal consent to construct in road allowance from the Town of Gravenhurst and Township of Severn. Enbridge Gas may require permanent easement to lands along the PR and will ensure all necessary agreements are in place before construction begins.
3. Temporary working areas will be required along the PR where the road allowance is too narrow or confined to facilitate construction. These areas will be identified with the assistance of the contractor that will perform the construction. Agreements for temporary working rights will be negotiated where required.

Authorizations and Permits Required

4. Enbridge Gas's preliminary work on the Project has identified the following potential required authorizations:

Federal

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Transport Canada
- Parks Canada

Provincial:

- Ontario Energy Board
- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Ministry of Transportation
- Canadian National Railway
- TC Energy Corporation

Municipal:

- Town of Gravenhurst
- Township of Severn

Other:

- Indigenous engagement
 - Landowner agreements
5. Other authorizations, notifications, permits and/or approvals may be required in addition to those identified above.
 6. Enbridge Gas will obtain all required permits, easements and temporary land use agreements if and as required for the route and location of the proposed facilities prior to the commencement of construction.

7. Attachment 1 to this Exhibit contains the standard form Temporary Land Use Agreement that will be provided to landowners for temporary working space requirements. This standard form Temporary Land Use Agreement is the same agreement approved for use in Enbridge Gas's Ridge Landfill RNG Project.¹
8. Attachment 2 to this Exhibit contains the standard form Easement Agreement that will be provided to landowners. The standard form Easement Agreement is the same agreement approved for use in Enbridge Gas's Ridge Landfill RNG Project.²

Landowner List

9. Attachment 3 to this Exhibit identifies the directly impacted landowners. Directly impacted landowners are those landowners whose lands are directly impacted by the Project work and therefore are those from which the Company requires land rights for the proposed Project.

¹ EB-2022-0203, Exhibit G-1-1, Attachment 2.

² EB-2023-0203, Exhibit G-1-1, Attachment 3.

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INDIGENOUS¹ CONSULTATION

1. Enbridge Gas is committed to implementing processes that support meaningful engagement with potentially affected Indigenous groups (First Nations and Métis). Enbridge Gas works to build an understanding of project related interests, ensure regulatory requirements are met, mitigate or avoid project-related impacts on Indigenous interests including rights, and provide mutually beneficial opportunities where possible.
2. Pursuant to the OEB's Guidelines, Enbridge Gas provided the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Electrification (now the Ministry of Energy and Mines) (MEM) with a description of the Project to determine if there are any duty to consult requirements and, if so, if MEM would delegate the procedural aspects of the duty to consult to Enbridge Gas. This correspondence from Enbridge Gas, dated October 15, 2024, is set out in Attachment 1 to this Exhibit.
3. Enbridge Gas received a letter (Delegation Letter) from MEM on January 17, 2025, indicating that MEM had delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Enbridge Gas for the Project. The Delegation Letter identified ten Indigenous communities to be consulted. A copy of the Delegation Letter is provided in Attachment 2 to this Exhibit.
4. On April 24, 2025, Enbridge Gas provided a Project update to MEM to describe refinements made to the Project scope since the letter dated October 15, 2024. This Project update is set out in Attachment 3 to this Exhibit. On May 12, 2025, MEM

¹ Enbridge Gas has used the terms "Aboriginal" and "Indigenous" interchangeably in its application. "Indigenous" has the meaning assigned by the definition "aboriginal peoples of Canada" in subsection 35(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

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confirmed that the updated Project information did not result in any changes to the Delegation Letter. This correspondence is set out in Attachment 4 to this Exhibit

5. The Indigenous Consultation Report (“ICR”) was provided to MEM on the date of this filing. MEM will review Enbridge Gas’s consultation with Indigenous groups potentially affected by the Project and provide its letter of opinion as to whether Enbridge Gas’s consultation has been sufficient. Upon receipt of MEM’s letter regarding the sufficiency of Indigenous consultation on the Project, Enbridge Gas will file it with the OEB. The letter of opinion provided by MEM will be included as Attachment 5 to this Exhibit once received.

Indigenous Engagement Program Objectives

6. The design of the Indigenous engagement program was based on adherence to the OEB’s Guidelines and Enbridge Inc.’s Company-wide Indigenous Peoples Policy (“Policy”) (set out in Attachment 6 to this Exhibit). The Policy lays out key principles for establishing relationships with Indigenous groups, which include:
 - Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in the context of existing Canadian law.
 - Recognizing the legal and constitutional rights possessed by Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the importance of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional lands and resources.
 - Engaging early to achieve meaningful relationships with Indigenous groups by providing timely exchanges of information, understanding and addressing Indigenous project-specific concerns, and ensuring ongoing dialogue regarding its projects, their potential impacts and benefits.

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- Aligning Enbridge Inc.'s interests with those of Indigenous communities through meaningful, direct Indigenous economic activity in projects corresponding to community capacity and project needs, where possible.
7. The Indigenous engagement program for the Project recognizes the rights of Indigenous groups and assists Enbridge Gas in engaging in meaningful dialogue with potentially affected Indigenous groups to address any Project-related concerns and interests. It also assists Enbridge Gas in meeting the procedural aspects of consultation that may be required by the Crown and the OEB's Guidelines.

Overview of Indigenous Engagement Program Activities

8. Enbridge Gas conducts its Indigenous engagement generally through phone calls, in-person meetings, Project mail-outs, open houses and email communications. During these engagement activities, Enbridge Gas representatives provide an overview of the Project, respond to questions and concerns, and address any interests or concerns expressed by Indigenous communities to appropriately mitigate any Project-related impacts. In order to accurately document Indigenous engagement activities and ensure follow-up, applicable supporting documents are tracked using a database. In addition, capacity funding is offered to assist Indigenous communities to meaningfully participate in engagement activities.

Ongoing Indigenous Engagement Activities

9. Enbridge Gas will continue to actively engage all identified Indigenous groups in meaningful ongoing dialogue concerning the Project and endeavor to meet with each Indigenous group, provided they are willing, for the purpose of exchanging information regarding the Project and to respond to inquiries in a timely manner. Enbridge Gas will hear and address concerns as feasible and seek information on the exercise of, and potential impacts to, Aboriginal or treaty rights, traditional use in

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the Project area and how any potential Project-related impacts can be mitigated. Enbridge Gas also engages as appropriate with MEM to ensure they are kept apprised of rights assertions by communities.

10. Attachment 7 to this Exhibit contains a summary of Enbridge Gas's Indigenous engagement activities for the Project. Attachment 8 to this Exhibit contains the ICR and associated attachments for the Project.

11. The information presented in Attachment 7 and Attachment 8 reflects Enbridge Gas's Indigenous engagement activities for the Project up to and including September 7, 2025; however, Enbridge Gas will continue to engage throughout the life of the Project to ensure any impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights and interests are addressed, as appropriate.

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The OEB has developed standard conditions that are typically imposed in leave to construct approvals.¹ Enbridge Gas has reviewed these standard conditions and has not identified any additional or revised conditions that the Company wishes to propose for this Project.

¹ Standard conditions of approval are included in Schedule 1 of the OEB's standard issues list for leave to construct applications: https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-natural-gas_2024.pdf

Directly Impacted Landowners
Washago Project

Directly Affected (D) Indirectly Affected (I)	PIN	First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	Province	Postal Code	Property Description	Mortgage, Lien/Lease/Encumbrances	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	Province	Postal Code
D	58605-0098			THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN	1024 Hurlwood Lane		Severn	Ontario	L3V 0Y6	PCL 17-1 SEC M38; LT 17 PL M38 NORTH ORILLIA; SEVERN						
D	48042-0569			CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY	1 Administration Road	Floor 2	Concord	Ontario	L4K 1B9	PT LT A, 1-2 CON WMR MORRISON AS IN MR271, MR248 & MR138; GRAVENHURST; THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA						
D	48042-0282									PT LT 28 CON 1 MORRISON PT 1 35R16213; GRAVENHURST; THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	10 York Mills Road		Toronto	Ontario	M2P 0A2



Tracking Results

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[LSHP44687528](#)

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PIECE # : LSHP44687320

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To agray@severn.ca <agray@severn.ca>

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From: Melanie Green

Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 10:24 AM

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Subject: Washago Community Expansion: Notice of Hearing

Good morning,

I wanted to let you know that the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing and Letter of Direction for the **Washago Community Expansion Project** (attached).

The Notice provides a summary of the project and the regulatory process, and also provides instructions on how interested parties can participate in the proceeding. Enbridge Gas will serve the Notice and the application and evidence to all parties listed in the Letter of Direction prior to **November 7th**. The Notice will also be published in the following location from **November 7th – November 14th, 2025**:

- www.orilliamatters.com (online website for Burlington Post, and Milton Canadian Champion)

As described in the Notice, interested parties must engage with the OEB on or before **November 24, 2025** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

The anticipated next step in this proceeding following the Notice review period is the OEB's Procedural Order No. 1 (PO No. 1), which will set the timelines for the filing of interrogatories and Enbridge Gas's responses. This distribution list will be notified upon receipt of PO No. 1.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks, and have a nice day!

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From Preet Gill <preet.gill@enbridge.com>

Date Thu 11/6/2025 11:21 AM

To contactus@metisnation.org <contactus@metisnation.org>; info@mnoregistry.ca <info@mnoregistry.ca>

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To cheryl.davis@ontario.ca <cheryl.davis@ontario.ca>

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From Preet Gill <preet.gill@enbridge.com>

Date Thu 11/6/2025 11:02 AM

To permits.gld <permits.gld@cn.ca>

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From Preet Gill <preet.gill@enbridge.com>

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Date Thu 11/6/2025 11:03 AM

To michelle.mcgrath@ontario.ca <michelle.mcgrath@ontario.ca>; Paul.DeLuca <Paul.DeLuca@ontario.ca>

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From Preet Gill <preet.gill@enbridge.com>

Date Thu 11/6/2025 11:06 AM

To OPCC.Chair <opcc.chair@oeb.ca>; omafra.eanotices@ontario.ca <omafra.eanotices@ontario.ca>; karla.barboza@ontario.ca <karla.barboza@ontario.ca>; heritage@ontario.ca <heritage@ontario.ca>; james.hamilton@ontario.ca <james.hamilton@ontario.ca>; marc.boucher@ontario.ca <marc.boucher@ontario.ca>; McCabe, Shannon (She/Her) (MEM) <shannon.McCabe@ontario.ca>; jake.noordhof@ontario.ca <jake.noordhof@ontario.ca>; sourceprotectionscreening@ontario.ca <sourceprotectionscreening@ontario.ca>; eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca <eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca>; nick.cole@infrastructureontario.ca <nick.cole@infrastructureontario.ca>; julianna.zhuo@ontario.ca <julianna.zhuo@ontario.ca>; michael.elms@ontario.ca <michael.elms@ontario.ca>; dan.ethier@ontario.ca <dan.ethier@ontario.ca>; erick.boyd@ontario.ca <erick.boyd@ontario.ca>; anna.little@ontario.ca <anna.little@ontario.ca>; environmental.planning.team@ontario.ca <environmental.planning.team@ontario.ca>; ghighfield@tssa.org <ghighfield@tssa.org>; Robin Yu <ryu@tssa.org>; daniel.prelipcean@ontario.ca <daniel.prelipcean@ontario.ca>

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Date Thu 11/6/2025 11:29 AM

To minister.indigenousaffairs@ontario.ca <minister.indigenousaffairs@ontario.ca>

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The Project is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), an independent government agency that regulates the electricity and natural gas sectors. After a public review and hearing, the OEB is able to approve our application. In this section, you can review all regulatory files about the project.

Environment assessment

In accordance with the OEB's "[Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipeline and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition 2016](#)", Enbridge Gas retained the services of Stantec Consulting Ltd., an independent environmental consultant, to complete an environmental assessment for the proposed project.

The purpose of the environmental assessment is to: identify any potential impacts of the proposed project on the social, economic and natural environments; identify local or provincial concerns regarding the proposed project; determine preferred routing of the pipeline segments; gather input from agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, affected landowners, and the public. As well, it recommends mitigation measures to limit impacts on the social, economic, and natural environments. It is important to minimize potential negative impacts of the proposed natural gas distribution pipelines and associated facilities on the environment. The data, analysis and results of the environmental assessment have been detailed in an Environmental Report.

Read the [Environmental Report here](#).

The OEB issued the [Notice of Application](#) for the project.

Read the Application and Evidence [here](#).



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Washago Community Expansion Project

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is proposing to construct facilities to provide access to natural gas distribution service to the community of Washago in the Township of Severn. To bring gas to the community of Washago the project plans to tie into an existing Trans Canada Energy pipeline located within the Township of Gravenhurst and cross into the Township of Severn to bring gas to Washago. The purpose of the Project is to provide residents, businesses, and industries located within the community of Washago with access to safe and reliable natural gas.

This project is made possible by:

- A **\$1/ month contribution** from new and existing natural gas utility customers in Ontario, which was implemented on July 1, 2019.
- An **expansion surcharge (ES)** of \$0.23 per cubic metre of natural gas used will apply to all customers who connect to the community expansion pipe until the end of the expansion surcharge term.
 - For example, if a residential home used 2,320 m³ of natural gas per year this charge would be \$0.23m³ x 2,320m³ / 12 months = \$44/month.
 - The ES is typically higher in the winter months when the heating system is in use vs summer months.

We're working in many project areas across Ontario as we prepare for future natural gas community expansion project, as part of the Ontario Government's Natural gas Expansion Program. Area residents may see our crews completing soil sampling, land surveying, test digs and holding field meetings, which are all activities that help inform our project routes and timelines for construction. While this pre-work is ongoing, you may occasionally notice equipment in operation, and some noise; we apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

This work is being conducted by Enbridge Gas employees, or contractors working on our behalf. All employees and contractors carry identification at all times.