



**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6  
December 11, 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 December 4, 2025, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 5 which amongst other things set the dates for the filing of written submissions from the City of Guelph, eMERGE Guelph Sustainability (eMERGE Guelph) and OEB staff and a reply submission from Enbridge Gas.

On December 10, 2025, the City of Guelph filed a letter requesting an extension to the date for the filing of written submissions. In the letter, the City of Guelph stated that additional time would help intervenors prepare and coordinate their respective submissions. The City of Guelph also stated that its ability to prepare submissions within a short timeline is materially constrained by limited staff resources, particularly during December, and that the extension request will not prejudice Enbridge Gas as there no urgency in the case because the terms in section 4(c) of the existing franchise agreement that Enbridge Gas holds with the City of Guelph remain in place until negotiations about the renewal are resolved. eMerge Guelph filed a letter with the OEB on December 10, 2025, seeking the same relief.

On December 10, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed a letter requesting that the OEB deny the City of Guelph's request for an extension for the filing of written submissions. In the letter, Enbridge Gas stated that the City of Guelph and eMERGE Guelph have had adequate time to compile and submit their final submissions and that extending the timelines would be unproductive and procedurally unreasonable based on the scope of the proceeding. Enbridge Gas also stated that extending the timelines is contrary to

regulatory efficiency as it intends to file several franchise renewal applications between now and 2026 and that delaying the proceeding could lead to similar requests in other proceedings which could create a bottleneck that would be difficult for Enbridge Gas to manage.

### **Findings**

The OEB has considered the recent correspondence from the parties and acknowledges the concerns raised by the City of Guelph and eMERGE Guelph regarding year-end workload and timing needs related to the co-ordination of their respective submissions. The OEB therefore grants the extension request on this basis and approves a revised schedule for the filing of written submissions and the reply submission.

The OEB acknowledges the concerns raised by Enbridge Gas and notes that the extension arises from issues specific to this proceeding at this time of the year. The OEB does not consider this extension to be precedent setting.

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The City of Guelph, eMerge Guelph and OEB Staff shall file their written submissions with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **January 14, 2026**.
2. Enbridge Gas shall file a reply submission, if any, with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **February 4, 2026**.

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](mailto:Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at [Michael.millar@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.millar@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 11, 2025**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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