



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**MOTION TO REVIEW
DECISION ON IRP PILOT PROJECT**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
February 6, 2026**

On December 22, 2025, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed a notice of motion to review (the Review) to reconsider the Decision and Order in EB-2022-0335, issued on March 27, 2025 (the Decision).

A panel of commissioners to hear the Review has not yet been assigned. The OEB will provide an update identifying the panel of commissioners hearing this matter at a later date.

Background

In 2021, the OEB established an Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Framework to guide Enbridge Gas in considering IRP alternatives to traditional pipeline infrastructure for meeting its natural gas system needs.

In July 2023, Enbridge Gas applied to the OEB for a Decision and Order seeking approval of two IRP pilot projects and their respective cost consequences. One of the projects was later withdrawn, and the location of the remaining pilot project (the IRP Pilot) was modified.

The Decision approved the IRP Pilot with certain modifications. Specifically, the OEB did not approve funding for incentives related to natural gas equipment, finding that such incentives were inconsistent with the purpose of an IRP, which has, as part of its objectives, the avoidance of natural gas infrastructure where there were economic alternatives.

Instead, the OEB ordered that \$1.5 million be reallocated to support Limited Electrification Measures, including cold climate Air Source Heat Pumps (ccASHPs), Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHPs), and potentially other technologies such as combined water/space heating systems.

On March 27, 2025, the OEB initiated its own motion to review the Decision.¹ On December 11, 2025, the OEB decided that this review would not proceed, as hearing the questions raised for review was not likely to result in the most just, expeditious and efficient determination of matters before the OEB.

Motion to Review

In its December 22, 2025 Review notice, Enbridge Gas requested a review and variance to the following portions of the Decision:

- **Review Issue #1:** The finding that the OEB will not approve an IRP pilot project that includes incentives for advanced gas technologies,
- **Review Issue #2:** The direction that Enbridge Gas reallocate the portion of the IRP pilot project budget related to the denied advanced gas technologies to electrification measures, and
- **Review Issue #3:** The direction that Enbridge Gas must consult with the OEB's IRP Technical Working Group on a potential second IRP pilot that explores creative solutions that go beyond current demand side management (DSM) offerings, including a number of proposed measures such as alternatives to new connections.

In its Review notice, Enbridge Gas also requested a stay of the portions of the Decision relating to Review Issues 1 through 3, inclusive, until the completion of the Review.

Review Hearing and the Threshold Question

The OEB approves all parties of record in EB-2022-0335 as parties in this proceeding. Intervenors granted cost eligibility status in EB-2022-0335 are eligible to apply for an award of costs for their participation in this Review. The OEB seeks meaningful, relevant submissions within the scope of the threshold question set out below.

Under Rule 43 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure, prior to proceeding to hear a motion to review on its merits, the OEB may determine a threshold question of whether the motion raises relevant issues material enough to warrant a review of the decision or order on the merits. The OEB has determined that, before considering the merits of Enbridge Gas's Motion, the OEB will hear arguments, in writing, on this threshold question.

The OEB invites submissions from parties on the following question:

¹ EB-2025-0124

Does the notice of motion to review filed by Enbridge Gas raise relevant issues material enough to warrant a review of the Decision on the merits, in accordance with Rule 43 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) (Threshold Question).

After reviewing the submissions on the threshold question, the OEB will decide what, if any, further procedural steps are needed.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Consistent with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#), parties are reminded that, in determining the amount of a cost award, the OEB will consider (among other things) whether the cost eligible party has demonstrated through its participation and documented in its cost claim that it has made reasonable efforts to: (a) combine its intervention with that of one or more similarly interested parties and to co-operate with all other parties, and (b) ensure that its participation was not unduly repetitive and was focused on relevant and material issues.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. All parties of record in EB-2022-0335, except Enbridge Gas Inc., shall file with the OEB, copying all other parties, any written submissions on the Threshold Question by, **February 24, 2026**.
2. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall file with the OEB, copying all other parties, any written reply submission on the Threshold Question by, **March 10, 2026**.

Direction for preparing materials

- 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](#).
- Filings should clearly state the filing date and the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.

- Other than for applications or as otherwise required or directed by the OEB, parties are not required to submit a cover letter for materials that are self-evident (e.g., interrogatories, submissions) unless the cover letter includes a request or additional information not included in the materials themselves.
- Parties are strongly encouraged to use bookmarks in their filings to aid in navigation.
- Parties should not append to their evidence entire OEB documents (e.g., decisions, policy documents, guidelines). Rather, parties should provide citations to the documents and a clear and concise summary of the relevant part(s) of the document. Parties are encouraged to use hyperlinks for complete, permanent, and publicly available versions of the documents, when possible.
- Parties should refrain from quoting material from documents unless it is essential to support their interrogatories or arguments.
- Parties are not required to provide a summary of the procedural history of a proceeding but may refer to that history where and to the extent needed for context to orient an issue or discussion.
- Parties must: (a) disclose where generative artificial intelligence was used to generate content included in a filing and (b) confirm that the accuracy of the portion of the filing generated by generative artificial intelligence has been verified by the party or its representative without the assistance of generative artificial intelligence.

How to file documents with the OEB

- Parties are required to quote file number (i.e., **EB-2025-0333**) for all materials filed and submit them in **searchable/unrestricted PDF format** (i.e., no printing or copying restrictions) with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).
- Parties should 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.
- Parties 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. Parties are encouraged to visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. Parties that are eligible for a cost award and that do not currently have an account in the cost claim portal should create an account as soon as their cost award eligibility has been confirmed by the OEB. All parties

shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim for the purposes of service on the party(ies) paying cost awards as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

- All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by **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, Alexander Di Ilio at alexander.diilio@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@oeb.ca.

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Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, **February 6, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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SCHEDULE A

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