



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application to change its natural gas rates and other
charges beginning January 1, 2024**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

February 6, 2026

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application on October 31, 2022 with the OEB under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Enbridge Gas charges for natural gas distribution, transportation and storage, beginning January 1, 2024. The OEB is currently reviewing the third of the three phases of the application.

SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

Settlement discussions were held throughout September, October and November 2025.

On January 21, 2026, Enbridge Gas filed an amended settlement proposal reflecting a settlement on all issues in the proceeding with the exception of Issue #13 which was not subject to settlement. Enbridge Gas also filed a draft rate order, including appendices and working papers, reflecting the settlement proposal.

Having reviewed the settlement proposal, the OEB requires additional information to assist in its determination of whether the settlement proposal should be accepted. As a result, the OEB has set out questions at Schedule A for Enbridge Gas to address through written responses. The OEB is also providing an opportunity for parties to the settlement proposal to file any comments on Enbridge Gas's responses.

SETTLEMENT PRESENTATION

The OEB is scheduling a virtual presentation of the settlement proposal by Enbridge Gas on **February 17, 2026**.

The OEB expects Enbridge Gas to make a presentation on the settlement proposal. Following Enbridge Gas's presentation, the OEB will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions on the presentation and the written responses to the OEB's questions on the settlement proposal. The OEB asks Enbridge Gas to file any materials relating to this virtual presentation day in advance.

Any presentation materials and the written responses to the OEB's questions will be filed as part of the record in this proceeding along with the transcript from February 17, 2026.

Parties to the settlement proposal may attend the virtual presentation day.

Instructions for joining the virtual settlement presentation will be provided closer to the date.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Responses to OEB Questions

1. Enbridge Gas shall file written responses to the OEB's questions, in consultation with intervenors, as set out in Schedule A, by **February 11, 2026**.
2. Intervenors shall file any comments regarding Enbridge Gas's responses by **February 13, 2026**.

Settlement Presentation

3. A virtual transcribed settlement proposal presentation, as described above, will be held on **February 17, 2026**, starting at **1:00 pm**. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

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](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below 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, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar, at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca, and Ian Richler, at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, February 6, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar

SCHEDULE A
OEB QUESTIONS ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
EB-2025-0064
DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

OEB Questions for Enbridge Gas on Amended Settlement Proposal

1. The settlement proposal would result in certain adjustments to the 2024 revenue requirement. Enbridge Gas has proposed rates to recover the adjusted Phase 3 revenue requirement of \$5,329.9 million. This adjustment for Phase 3 results in a decrease to rates, or a revenue sufficiency of \$16.7 million.
 - a) Please confirm that the \$16.7 million adjustment is a prospective adjustment, a credit to the benefit of customers, that will be implemented in 2027.
 - b) Would a new customer, initiating service after January 1, 2025, benefit from the proposed adjustment in 2027?
 - c) Please clarify if the \$16.7 million adjustment will be implemented on January 1, 2027, or whenever the harmonized rates are implemented.
 - d) Please confirm if the lower gas costs in the 2024 revised revenue requirement calculation have already been achieved and whether Enbridge Gas is currently retaining the benefits of the lower gas costs.

2. The settlement proposal indicates that the parties have agreed on a Rate Mitigation Plan to limit total bill increases to 3% on average in any year so as to provide stable and reasonable bill impacts for customers. Enbridge Gas proposes to implement the mitigation riders (Rider R) over 5 years with changes every 12 months. The rate mitigation credits and charges would decrease over the five-year period until they expire in year 4 with final bill impacts and unmitigated rates in effect by year 5.
 - a) Enbridge Gas expects the first year of Rider R to be implemented in 2027. If there are rate increases as a result of the price cap adjustment in 2027 and 2028 and this results in a cumulative annual increase of more than 3% for certain rate classes, would the 3% cap as per the Rate Mitigation Plan apply to the total bill impact that is inclusive of the annual rate adjustment?
 - b) Is Enbridge Gas's understanding that the principle of Rider R would be retained until 2031, but the quantum and recovery mechanism of the rate rider could be adjusted at the next rebasing?
 - c) Is Enbridge Gas planning to engage with parties to the Phase 3 settlement proposal prior to filing its annual rate applications with the OEB, if the application proposes Rider R? What assurance will Enbridge Gas provide the OEB, that the Rider R proposals adhere to the objectives as stated in the settlement proposal and agreed to by the parties?

3. The settlement proposal (pages 15 and 16) provides total bill impacts for a typical residential and small commercial sales service customer in each rate zone resulting from this settlement proposal. The total bill impact presentation includes two scenarios, one excluding the Rate Mitigation Rider R and a second scenarios that includes the Rate Mitigation Rider R.
 - a) The total bill impact for Rate 6 in the Central Rate Zone shows a bill decrease of 7.8% excluding the Rate Mitigation Rider R and a decrease of 12.8% with the inclusion of the Rate Mitigation Rider R. Please explain how the inclusion

of the Rate Mitigation Rider R has resulted in a further decrease to the total bill impact for Rate 6 considering that the Rate Mitigation Plan appears to be aimed at increases to the total bill impact.

4. Enbridge Gas has filed a draft rate order that reflects the amended Phase 3 settlement proposal for this proceeding. As part of the rate order process, Enbridge Gas is requesting OEB approval for the Rate Handbook that reflects the harmonized rate classes and services. The rate schedules in the draft rate order do not include an effective date.
 - a) Please confirm if the draft rate order is (a) a placeholder that provides the calculation of the harmonized rates for approval in this Phase 3 proceeding, and (b) that final rates will be updated for approval in a subsequent rate order in accordance with other OEB approved rate changes.
 - b) If approved in this proceeding, when would the rate schedules in the Rate Handbook be effective? Please explain the customer implications of “Effective Implemented OEB Order EB-2025-0064” at the bottom of each rate schedule.
 - c) Please identify the pages or sections of the Rate Handbook to be updated in a subsequent OEB proceeding.
 - d) How will the rate mitigation cap of 3% affect the 10% total bill impact threshold applied in QRAM proceedings?
 - e) Would there be a change to the proposed harmonized rates if the final rate order resulting from the settlement proposal is implemented at some point after January 1, 2027?

5. What is the path toward making 2024 rates final?