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To: All Regulated Entities
All Interested Parties

Re: **OEB 10-Point Action Plan
Implementation update – Item #3
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0098**

What You Need to Know

- **The OEB has completed its initial pilot of intervenor categorization and required collaboration in a proceeding and gathered feedback from participating parties.**
- **Coordinated participation among intervenors can help reduce duplicative interrogatories, supporting a more efficient and focused adjudicative process.**
- **Using lessons learned and stakeholder feedback to refine its approach, the OEB will conduct a second pilot (EB-2025-0295), with details to follow in Procedural Order No. 1.**

Item #3 – Categorizing intervenors by interests and developing approaches for increasing collaboration

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is pleased to provide an update on Item #3 of its 10-point Action Plan (the Plan), part of its September 2024 Report Back to the Minister on [Intervenors and Regulatory Efficiency](#) (the Report). Both the Plan and Report are aligned with the 2025 Minister's [Letter of Direction](#), which emphasizes regulatory efficiency as a priority for the OEB to enable Ontario's economic growth.

Framework for Categorizing Intervenors

On April 23, 2025, the OEB issued a [letter and framework](#) on intervenor categorization for stakeholder comment. Fifteen responses were received. Feedback included concern about overly rigid categories, and offered support for a case-specific approach as well as Commissioner discretion. Stakeholders also supported piloting the framework before assessing the merits of broader implementation and expressed a preference to form their own groupings.

Pilot Case – Enbridge Gas Inc. Demand Side Management Proceeding

The OEB piloted the use of intervenor categories in Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan application¹. Enbridge Gas initially filed this multi-year DSM plan for 2026–2030 in November 2024. Following the federal government's announcement that the Federal Carbon Charge for consumers would be reduced to zero as of April 1, 2025, Enbridge Gas filed a revised application in June 2025 seeking to extend its existing 2025 DSM plan through 2026.

After issuing its decision on the revised application, the OEB held a debrief session with parties on December 12, 2025, to gather feedback on the pilot. Intervenors expressed mixed views on the categorization approach. While many saw value in increased coordination, they raised concerns about the assigned groupings, differing interests among intervenors within categories, and the additional effort needed to prepare coordinated interrogatories.

Intervenors also expressed a desire to provide input into how they are grouped. The OEB noted that although collaboration may require more upfront time, it may reduce duplication and improve efficiency overall. Intervenors are not required to agree on all positions in order to work together to develop a single set of interrogatories, and they may still file separate final submissions.

Given the significant change in the scope of the proceeding (i.e., from a multi-year plan to a single year extension), the OEB and intervenors agreed that this case did not provide an ideal opportunity to fully assess the categorization approach.

¹ OEB File Number: EB-2024-0198

Next Steps

The OEB will pilot the use of intervenor categories again in Enbridge Gas's 2027-2030 DSM Plan application². Feedback from the initial pilot and comments on the proposed framework will inform the next phase. Details will be set out in Procedural Order No. 1.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to visit the *Implementing the OEB's 10-point Action Plan* [Engage with Us page](#) and sign up to receive future updates.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to registrar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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² OEB File Number: EB-2025-0295