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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission
Enbridge Gas Inc.
Lanark and Balderson Community Expansion Project
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0306**

Please find attached OEB staff's submission on Enbridge Gas's confidentiality request in the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1.

Yours truly,

Natalya Plummer

Advisor, Natural Gas

Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2025-0306



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality Request

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Lanark and Balderson Community Expansion Project

EB-2025-0306

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Background

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 27, 2025, under Section 90 and 97 of the OEB Act to construct natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in the communities of Lanark, Balderson and the surrounding areas in the Township of Lanark Highlands and in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley.

As part of its application, Enbridge Gas has requested confidential treatment for certain information in accordance with the OEB’s *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction).¹

OEB staff agrees with the requests for confidential treatment of Exhibit F-1-1, attachment 1, Appendix A.2, page 7 and Appendix A.6, pages 5 –7 and Exhibit G-1-1, Attachment 3, page 2 on the basis of personal information.

With respect to proposed redactions in the application at Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 7, line-item attachments 1.8, 3.42 and 6.6, Enbridge Gas described this information as “Presumptive Confidential Treatment.” In addition, Enbridge Gas provided the following basis for confidentiality: “[t]he redactions relate to fees and funding associated with Indigenous engagement.”² No further rationale was provided.

In Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB provided for the filing of submissions on Enbridge Gas’s confidentiality request.

OEB Staff Submission

Appendix B of the Practice Direction includes a list of specific categories of information that will presumptively be considered confidential, subject to objections from parties as to why confidential treatment should not be accorded to such information. The Appendix B categories include:

1. Unit pricing of a third party
2. Billing rates of a third party
3. Information that would disclose load profiles, energy usage and billing information of a specific customer that is not personal information
4. Copy of an unsuccessful bid received as part of a competitive procurement process
5. Non-public financial statement of an unregulated affiliate engaged in competitive business activity
6. Information covered by solicitor-client privilege, settlement privilege or litigation

¹ <https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/regulatorycodes/2021-12/Practice-Direction-Confidential-Filings-20211217.pdf>

² Application and Evidence, Cover Letter, Table 1, November 27, 2025, <https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/915234/File/document>

privilege

7. Underlying dataset and/or model of a consultant retained by a party
8. Information related to current or future collective bargaining negotiations
9. Non-public forward-looking financial information where such disclosure could give rise to liability under Ontario securities law
10. Information that has not been generally disclosed and such disclosure is prohibited by Ontario securities law
11. Information identified in the OEB's Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements as being confidential
12. Information identified as being considered confidential in OEB filing requirements and filing guidelines.

OEB staff does not agree that the information at Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 7, line-item attachments 1.8, 3.42 and 6.6 fall within the presumptively confidential categories under the OEB's Practice Direction.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~