



Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Application for Multi-Year Natural Gas Demand Side
Management Plan (2027-2030)**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
March 16, 2026**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed a multi-year natural gas demand side management (DSM) plan application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 18, 2025 under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for a new natural gas DSM policy framework effective January 1, 2027 and approval of a new multi-year DSM plan, inclusive of budgets, programs and targets, from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2030.

Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on February 27, 2026. In that order, the OEB approved all 20 parties that applied for intervenor status and provided them with an opportunity to file written comments on the draft Issues List by March 9, 2026. In a letter dated March 5, 2026, the OEB advised the parties that “At the Issues Conference, the Panel expects to hear submissions from parties on whether the consideration of a cost of carbon for DSM cost-effectiveness testing should be within the scope of this proceeding, and added to the draft Issues List.” Several parties included submissions on this question in their letters commenting on the draft Issues List.

The OEB held an Issues Conference on March 12, 2026, during which parties provided oral submissions on proposed changes to the draft Issues List. During the Issues Conference, several parties offered oral submissions on the question set out in the March 5, 2026, letter. At least one party suggested that an opportunity for further submissions would be appropriate.¹

The OEB has determined that it would benefit from receiving complete submissions from OEB staff and parties on the specific question identified in its March 5, 2026, letter and quoted in the paragraph above. Parties that have already provided written and/or oral submissions on this topic, including Enbridge Gas and OEB staff, should ensure

¹ For example, see [Issues Conference Transcript](#) pp. 70-71, 78 (Industrial Gas Users Association).

that any additional submissions supplement those already provided. The OEB will consider these submissions prior to finalizing the issues list.

Parties should not file any additional submissions on any other elements of the draft Issues List, including proposed modifications, as these were discussed comprehensively at the Issues Conference.

Late Intervention Request

The Corporation of the City of Kitchener - Kitchener Utilities (Kitchener Utilities) filed for intervenor status in this proceeding. Kitchener Utilities did not ask for cost eligibility and the request was filed after the intervenor application deadline set out in the Notice issued by the OEB on January 29, 2026.

Kitchener Utilities stated that it is an embedded gas distributor within the Union South franchise territory and receives storage and transportation services under Rates T3. Kitchener Utilities indicated that it recently became aware of the direct impact of this application on its rates. Kitchener Utilities confirmed that its participation will not delay the proceeding or require any revisions to the OEB's established schedule.

Enbridge Gas did not object to Kitchener Utilities' request for intervenor status. The OEB approves Kitchener Utilities as an intervenor. As noted above, the OEB has directed parties to limit their upcoming submissions to the question set out in the OEB's March 5, 2026, letter and quoted above. Any submission from Kitchener Utilities pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Order, below, is to be similarly limited.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. and OEB staff shall file written submissions on whether the consideration of a cost of carbon for DSM cost-effectiveness testing should be within the scope of this proceeding, and added to the draft Issues List, on or before **March 23, 2026**.
2. All other parties may file written submissions on the question set out in paragraph 1 above by **March 30, 2026**.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. may file any reply submission on or before **April 7, 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-2025-0295**) 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, Michael Bell at Michael.Bell@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Raman Dhillon at Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **March 16, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Acting Registrar