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**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Abeyance of Application for the Renewal of a Municipal Franchise
Agreement with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2025-0327**

Dear Patrick McMahon:

On December 5, 2025, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, for an order approving the renewal of its natural gas franchise with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (Waterloo) based on the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement. In its application, Enbridge Gas indicated that there is a disagreement between Enbridge Gas and Waterloo regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed franchise agreement.

On February 23, 2026, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 which, among other things, set out a procedural schedule and granted intervenor status to Waterloo and Environmental Defence in this proceeding.

On March 26, 2026, the OEB issued a Notice of a Hearing to commence a generic proceeding to conduct a limited review of the Model Franchise Agreement (Generic Proceeding). Through the Generic Proceeding, the OEB will examine certain sections and components of the Model Franchise Agreement that have emerged as issues of concern in recent natural gas franchise application proceedings.

Considering the contested nature of this proceeding, the similarity of issues raised in this proceeding and the Generic Proceeding, and the potential effect of the Generic Proceeding on the Model Franchise Agreement, the OEB is placing this proceeding in abeyance pending the completion of the Generic Proceeding. This action is being taken in accordance with the [OEB's Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines](#).

Any questions may be directed to the Case Manager, Cecilia Wang at cecilia.wang@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

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