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**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Abeyance of Application for Renewal of a Municipal Franchise Agreement  
and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Town of  
Cobourg  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2025-0329**

Dear Patrick McMahon:

On December 9, 2025, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under sections 8 and 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, for an order approving the renewal of its natural gas franchise with, and a new certificate of public convenience and necessity for, the Town of Cobourg based on the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement. In its application, Enbridge Gas indicated that there is a disagreement between Enbridge Gas and the Town of Cobourg regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed franchise agreement.

On March 2, 2026, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which, among other things, set out a procedural schedule and granted intervenor status to the Town of Cobourg 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 the issues raised in this proceeding and those in 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, Natalya Plummer at [natalya.plummer@oeb.ca](mailto:natalya.plummer@oeb.ca)

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray  
Registrar

C: parties to EB-2025-0329