



Enbridge Gas Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5

July 7, 2026

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

As part of the [Decision on Filing Intervenor Evidence and Procedural Order No. 4](#) (Decision and PO No. 4) issued on June 23, 2026, several parties filed letters identifying various challenges in adhering to the procedural schedule and requested alternative dates.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) understands that there are scheduling constraints and other matters impacting participant availability. To accommodate the requests received while ensuring that this proceeding advances in an orderly manner, the OEB is changing certain previously scheduled dates.

Technical Conference

The Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) filed a response to Enbridge Gas's [letter](#) requesting the OEB delay the Technical Conference dates. IGUA did not object to a postponed Technical Conference, but suggested that parties need to obtain clarification on certain issues and interrogatory responses before intervenor evidence is finalized.

The OEB has considered the concerns raised by Enbridge Gas regarding witness availability and preparation time, as well as the comments received from parties regarding certain dates; the suggestion of a combined Technical Conference; the impact of postponing the Technical Conference; and the full timeline for the proceeding.

To balance these considerations, the OEB has revised the procedural schedule by postponing the Technical Conference to July 28, 2026, while maintaining the order of the procedural steps established in Decision and PO No. 4. This approach provides Enbridge Gas with additional time to prepare for the Technical Conference while

preserving the opportunity for parties to obtain clarification on Enbridge Gas's evidence and interrogatory responses before intervenor evidence is filed.

The OEB is of the view that this revised schedule appropriately balances procedural fairness, regulatory efficiency, and the practical scheduling concerns identified by parties, while ensuring that the proceeding continues to advance in an orderly manner. The OEB is of the view that this approach is preferable to introducing additional discovery steps or other procedural events.

The purpose and scope of the procedural meeting on August 11, 2026, as described in Decision and PO No. 4, remain unchanged. The Panel will engage with parties and hear suggestions for the scheduling of the remaining procedural steps and dates.

Coordinated Participation

The postponed dates in this Procedural Order, while justified and appropriate, extend the hearing schedule by three weeks when compared to the schedule in Decision and PO No. 4. The OEB appreciates that a few dates conflict with procedural dates established in other OEB proceedings. The OEB's calendar is full as it is accommodating several concurrent regulatory proceedings.

The OEB reminds parties of its expectations regarding intervenor coordination as set out in [Procedural Order No. 1](#). In addition to intervenors being directed to work together, all intervenors are encouraged to proactively seek efficiencies by coordinating their participation with others. For example, parties could coordinate questions at the Technical Conference; have one representative from a combined group take the lead on questioning; or focus on certain issues, to the extent possible.

The OEB appreciates efforts already made by intervenors to work together and to coordinate their efforts in this proceeding.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The virtual technical conference previously scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8, 2026 to Friday, July 10, 2026**, is postponed.
2. A transcribed, virtual technical conference related to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s pre-filed evidence and interrogatory responses will be convened on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue on **July 29-30, 2026**. Information on virtual participation will be communicated to

parties at a later date.

3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall file any undertakings and exhibits from the technical conference with the OEB and send them to all parties by **Thursday, August 6, 2026**.
4. Parties may file letters related to procedural considerations with the OEB and send them to all parties on or before **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**.
5. A procedural meeting with the panel to discuss process related issues and subsequent procedural steps is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**. The hybrid meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the North Hearing Room on the 25th Floor at the OEB's office at 2300 Yonge St., Toronto, ON. The OEB will provide further details regarding virtual participation in this meeting.
6. Intervenors approved to file evidence shall do so on or before **Thursday, August 13, 2026**.
7. Parties seeking additional information on the intervenor evidence shall file written interrogatories with the OEB and send them to all parties by **Thursday, August 20, 2026**.
8. Complete written interrogatory responses regarding intervenor evidence shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all parties by **Monday, August 31, 2026**.

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](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0295** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please 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. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 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.

DATED at Toronto, **July 7, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Schedule A

Illustrative Procedural Timelines (Updated)

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Stage	Procedural Steps	Planned Dates
PO4 & Decision on Evidence	OEB issued Decision on Evidence and Procedural Order No. 4	23-Jun-26
Discovery	Intervenors and OEB staff file interrogatories	21-May-26
	Applicant files responses to interrogatories	18-Jun-26
	Intervenors and OEB staff file written comments on confidentiality requests	29-Jun-26
	Applicant reply comments on confidentiality requests	3-Jul-26
	OEB Decision on Confidentiality	16-Jul-26
	Technical Conference begins	28-Jul-26
	Technical Conference ends (3 days)	30-Jul-26
	Undertakings filed	6-Aug-26
Procedural Meeting	Parties to file letters with any procedural recommendations	4-Aug-26
	OEB to convene a meeting with the panel and all parties to discuss practical process issues	11-Aug-26
Intervenor Evidence	Intervenors file evidence	13-Aug-26
	Applicant and parties file interrogatories on Intervenor evidence	20-Aug-26
	Interrogatory responses on Intervenor evidence	31-Aug-26

Scenario 1 - No EGI Reply Evidence			Scenario 2 - EGI Reply Evidence		
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				Interrogatories on EGI reply evidence	21-Sep-26
				Interrogatory responses on EGI reply evidence	28-Sep-26
Oral Hearing	Oral Hearing begins (5 days)	9-Sep-26	Oral Hearing	Oral Hearing begins (5 days)	12-Oct-26
	Oral Hearing Ends	15-Sep-26		Oral Hearing Ends	16-Oct-26
	Undertakings from Oral Hearing Filed	22-Sep-26		Undertakings from Oral Hearing Filed	23-Oct-26
Argument	Argument-in-chief filed	2-Oct-26	Argument	Argument-in-chief filed	30-Oct-26
	Intervenor and OEB staff Submissions filed	23-Oct-26		Intervenor and OEB staff Submissions filed	20-Nov-26
	Reply Argument Filed	6-Nov-26		Reply Argument Filed	4-Dec-26
Decision	OEB Issues Decision and Order	21-Jan-27	Holiday Time-out (Dec. 19, 2026 to Jan. 3, 2027)		
			Decision	OEB Issues Decision and Order	18-Feb-27