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EB-2025-0323

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application for exemption from leave to construct natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
July 27, 2026

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 12, 2025, under subsection 95(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, (OEB Act) for an order exempting Enbridge Gas from the requirement to obtain leave to construct natural gas pipelines and facilities in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario (Application).

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on March 3, 2026, setting the schedule for written discovery on Enbridge Gas's evidence.

On April 8, 2026, OEB staff filed a letter requesting that the Application be placed into abeyance until the Ministry of Energy and Mines' (Ministry) Letter of Opinion is filed regarding the sufficiency of Indigenous consultation. On April 14, 2026, the OEB placed the Application into abeyance and on June 9, 2026, extended the abeyance period.

In the abeyance letters, the OEB advised that if, at the end of the abeyance period, the Ministry's Letter of Opinion is still pending, the OEB may extend the abeyance period or pursue another course of action.

On July 24, 2026, Enbridge Gas filed an updated application, which included the Ministry's Letter of Opinion.

Upon issuance of this Procedural Order No. 2, the current abeyance period will end and the proceeding will continue. The OEB is establishing a schedule for the filing of an OEB staff submission and a reply submission from Enbridge Gas.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall file any written submissions with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **August 18, 2026.**

2. Enbridge Gas shall file a written reply submission, if any, with the OEB and serve it on all parties, by **September 1, 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-2025-0323** 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.
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- 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.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca, and OEB Counsel, Stephanie Pope at Stephanie.Pope@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 27, 2026**

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