

EB-2019-0159

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Application to construct natural gas pipeline and associated
facilities in the City of Hamilton

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

April 7, 2020

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 90(1) and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B)* for leave to construct approximately 10.2 kilometres of 48-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Hamilton. Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the forms of easement agreements related to the construction of the proposed project.

In Procedural Order No. 3 (PO 3) dated April 2, 2020, the OEB provided a schedule of procedural steps for parties to file evidence and for the discovery of evidence through written interrogatories and responses.

By letter dated April 3, 2020, Environmental Defence and Green Energy Coalition (GEC) requested an extension to the date for filing evidence, stating the period in which to review the interrogatory responses of Enbridge Gas would not provide enough time for their experts to prepare evidence. In addition to the number of challenges faced with working remotely amid the current COVID-19 situation, one of their experts is also scheduled to appear as a witness in another proceeding.

The OEB appreciates the effort that Environmental Defence and GEC along with a number of other parties have made in filing interrogatories in advance of the scheduled deadline. The current COVID-19 situation continues to create a number of challenges for parties to work collectively and recognizes that such requests of this nature may be required from time to time. Therefore, the OEB will allow the extension of 20 business days for the filing of evidence.

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All dates in PO 3 are suspended. A new schedule is set out below.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.
Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors seeking to file evidence shall do so by submitting the evidence to the OEB, and provide a copy to Enbridge Gas and intervenors no later than **May 25, 2020**.
2. Any party seeking information and material on the evidence filed by OEB staff or an intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, shall do so by requesting written interrogatories to be filed with the OEB, and copy all parties by **June 8, 2020**.
3. Any party that receives interrogatories on their respective evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories by **June 29, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0159, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and email address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below.

NOTE: The OEB is temporarily waiving the paper copy filing requirement until further notice. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 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, Zora Crnojacki at Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca and Board Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 7, 2020**

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