

**BY E-MAIL**

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**TO: All Participants in EB-2024-0067**  
**RE: Consultation on the 2024 Annual Update of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan (EB-2024-0067)**

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Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued the *OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Review of 2024 Annual Update to Enbridge Gas Inc. Natural Gas Supply Plan* (OEB Staff Report). The OEB Staff Report (Staff Report) sets out OEB staff's assessment of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) annual update to the five-year natural gas supply plan.

The OEB thanks the participants in this consultation. All material related to this consultation is available on the [OEB's website](#).

### **2024 Annual Update to the GSP**

Following consideration of the Staff Report, the OEB has determined that there are no issues in Enbridge Gas's 2024 Annual Update to its GSP that require a hearing.

The OEB has reviewed the Staff Report and endorses its recommendations summarized in Appendix B of the Staff Report. The OEB expects Enbridge Gas to follow the recommendations made in the Staff Report.

The OEB notes that OEB staff, in its 2022 and 2024 Staff Reports, requested Enbridge Gas consider adding targets to its performance metrics. The OEB reiterates that Enbridge Gas is to propose performance targets within its Performance Scorecard or explain why targets would not be appropriate.

## **GSP Framework and Process**

As the 2024 Gas Supply Plan concludes, it marks the completion of the initial five-year GSP period that began in 2019. In the letter initiating the consultation on the 2024 Annual Update, the OEB invited Enbridge Gas and other stakeholders to comment on how the Framework and the GSP review process have been working.

Some stakeholders suggested that Enbridge Gas's next five-year GSP (expected in 2025) should be adjudicated by a panel of commissioners. Enbridge Gas commented that if the OEB is to make any substantial changes to the GSP framework a formal process be held to amend the framework. OEB staff, in its report, recommended that Enbridge Gas's next five-year GSP be adjudicated and any learnings or outcomes of this adjudicative process be incorporated into an amended GSP framework. OEB staff further recommended that annual updates continue to be reviewed through a stakeholder consultation.

The OEB accepts the recommended approach of OEB staff; Enbridge Gas's next five-year GSP, expected to be filed March 1, 2025, will be adjudicated by a panel of commissioners. Annual updates will then continue to be held through a stakeholder consultation. The OEB agrees with OEB staff that this recommendation balances evidence testing with process efficiency. Adjudicating the first year will provide a solid base on which the consultations in the subsequent years will be held.

The OEB agrees with OEB staff that the current filing expectations for natural gas distributors' gas supply plans remain appropriate as a starting point for the adjudicative proceeding. Further enhancements may be developed as part of that proceeding and could apply to future filings. As this will be the first formal adjudication of a full gas supply plan in several years, OEB staff is intending to convene a pre-filing meeting with Enbridge Gas and interested stakeholders to discuss procedural options.

The issuance of the OEB Staff Report marks the conclusion of the consultation.

## **Cost Awards**

Cost-eligible activities related to this consultation are now complete. A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards will be issued separately.

Yours truly,

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Registrar