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## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders approving a new firm transportation service for gas distributors under the rate M17 rate class, effective December 1, 2019;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders modifying the applicability of the existing Rate M9 and Rate T3 rate schedules for existing gas distributors;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and ancillary facilities in in the Municipality of West Grey and the Township of Chatsworth;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order or Orders approving the form of various land agreements.

## **APPLICATION**

- 1. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGD") and Union Gas Limited ("Union") were Ontario corporations incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario carrying on the business of selling, distributing, transmitting, and storing natural gas within the meaning of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (the "Act"). EGD and Union amalgamated effective January 1, 2019 to become Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas" or the "Applicant")
- Enbridge Gas is applying to the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") pursuant to section 36 of the Act for an Order or Orders granting approval of a new M17 firm transportation service for gas distributors. This application is in response to changes in the competition for natural gas distribution in Ontario as a result of the OEB's Decision with Reasons in its Generic Community Expansion proceeding (EB-2016-0004).
- 3. Enbridge Gas is proposing the M17 service to EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. ("EPCOR") in response to a request to provide transportation to the South Bruce expansion area. In addition to making this service available to other potential new

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entrants, existing gas distributors will have the option to take the M17 service. As proposed, the M17 service is to be effective December 1, 2019.

- 4. To accommodate the new service, Enbridge Gas is seeking Board approval of the proposed M17 rate design and rate schedule found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1, inclusive of Schedule "A" (General Terms and Conditions), Schedule "B" (Nominations) and Schedule "C" (Receipt Locations).
- 5. Enbridge Gas is also seeking Board approval pursuant to Section 36 of the Act to modify the applicability of the existing Rate M9 and Rate T3 rate schedules for existing gas distributors. Enbridge Gas is proposing to limit the applicability of the Rate M9 and Rate T3 rate schedules to existing gas distributor customers.
- 6. Enbridge Gas also hereby applies to the Board, pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Act, for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct approximately 34 kilometres of NPS 12 hydrocarbon natural gas pipeline ("the Project") in the Municipality of West Grey and the Township of Chatsworth, both of which are within the County of Grey.
- 7. Enbridge Gas also hereby applies to the Board, pursuant to Section 97 of the Act, for an Order approving the form of land agreements found at Exhibit E, Tab 6, Schedule 2.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 1, is a map showing the general location of the proposed Project, and associated facilities and the municipalities, and highways through, under, over, upon or across which the pipeline will pass.
- 9. Enbridge Gas also applies to the Board for such interim Order or Orders approving interim rates or other charges and accounting Orders as may from time to time appear appropriate or necessary. In particular, Enbridge Gas requests the Board hear its application for a new M17 service pursuant to Section 36 of the Act in an expedited fashion in Order to allow for an effective date of December 1, 2019. In the event the Board is not prepared to provide the foregoing, Enbridge Gas requests an interim Order or Orders approving interim rates to allow the M17 service an effective date of December 1, 2019.
- 10. Enbridge Gas requests approval of the full application, including its Section 90 (1) request specific to the Owen Sound Reinforcement Project, by February of 2020.
- 11. This application is supported by written evidence. This evidence is pre-filed and will be amended from time to time as required by the Board, or as circumstances may require.

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- 12. The parties affected by this Application are the owners of lands, government agencies and municipalities over which the pipeline will be constructed, and Enbridge Gas's distribution customers. The persons affected by this Application are the customers resident or located in the Municipalities, the First Nation Reserves and Métis organizations served by Enbridge Gas, together with those to whom Enbridge Gas sells gas, or on whose behalf Enbridge Gas distributes, transmits or stores gas. It is impractical to set out in this Application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.
- 13. The address for service for Enbridge Gas is:

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