

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (the “Act”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge
Gas Distribution Inc. for an order granting leave to
construct an NPS 12 and NPS 8 natural gas distribution
pipeline in the City of Toronto under section 90 of the
Act.

LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT APPLICATION: BATHURST REINFORCEMENT

1. The Applicant, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) is an Ontario corporation with its head office in the City of Toronto. It carries on the business of selling, distributing, transmitting, and storing natural gas within Ontario.
2. The Bathurst Reinforcement Project (the “Project”) is being built to serve a large portion of North York. Currently, the customer growth in the area has reduced capacity within the gas network servicing the area. A reinforcement of the natural gas distribution system to this portion of the neighborhood will increase energy supply for residential and commercial customers.
3. Enbridge hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for leave to construct approximately 3.2 km of nominal pipe size (“NPS”) 12 inch high pressure steel gas pipeline and approximately 20 m of NPS 8 inch steel intermediate pressure pipeline in the City of Toronto. Construction of a new district station will also be required. These are required to connect the existing NPS 12 high pressure steel gas main on Steeles Ave to the NPS 8 intermediate pressure steel gas main on Betty Ann

Dr in order to reinforce the existing supply and provide supply for new customers on this network. Preferred route starts at the intersection of Bathurst St and Steeles Ave, heading south along Bathurst St and ending near the intersection of Betty Ann Drive and Bathurst St. The new district station will be constructed at the intersection of Betty Ann Drive and Bathurst St. A map showing the proposed pipeline route can be found in Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1.

4. The route and location for the proposed facilities associated with the Project were selected by an independent environmental consultant through the process outlined in the Ontario Energy Board's "*Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario*" (7th Edition, 2016) (the "Guidelines"). Input from the public was sought during the route selection process and was incorporated into the final route decision.
5. Pursuant to the Guidelines, Enbridge requested that the Ministry of Energy (the "MOE") determine if there is any Duty to Consult requirements for the Project. The MOE has not delegated the procedural aspects of the Duty to Consult for the Project to Enbridge.
6. To meet the in-service date of December 2019 and to meet customer gas demand requirements, Enbridge must commence construction by spring 2019. The proposed construction schedule will enable customers to use natural gas for the 2019/2020 heating season.
7. Enbridge requests this Application proceed by way of written hearing in English.
8. Enbridge requests the Board issue the following orders:
 - (i) pursuant to section 90 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1988, S.O., 1988, c-15, Schedule B, an Order granting leave to construct the pipelines.

- (ii) pursuant to section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c-15, Schedule B, an Order approving the form of easement agreements found at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 3.

9. Enbridge requests that copies of all documents filed with the Board in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

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