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August 5, 2025

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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0242**

In the Application submitted July 31, 2025 for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a franchise agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham, Enbridge Gas inadvertently referred to two Schedule D attachments. The reference in paragraph 10 should have been to Schedule E. This error has been corrected in the attached updated Application.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

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July 31, 2025

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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement  
Regional Municipality of Durham**

Attached is an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a Franchise Agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham. An agreement has been reached between Enbridge Gas Inc. and the Regional Municipality of Durham with regards to the terms and conditions of the proposed Franchise Agreement.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

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## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Regional Municipality of Durham;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Regional Municipality of Durham to the by-law is not necessary.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. The Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham (Municipality) is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" is a map showing the geographical location of the Municipality and a customer density representation of Enbridge Gas' service area. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 213,200 customers in the lower-tier municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Durham. Enbridge Gas and its predecessors have been providing access to natural gas distribution services in the lower-tier municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Durham since approximately 1931.
3. The Regional Municipality of Durham is an upper-tier municipality comprised of eight lower-tier municipalities - the Town of Ajax, the Township of Brock, the Municipality of Clarington, the City of Oshawa, the City of Pickering, the Township of Scugog, the Township of Uxbridge and the Town of Whitby.
4. Enbridge Gas has an existing franchise agreement with the Regional Municipality of Durham (RP-2003-0221 / EB-2003-0278) effective September 29, 2004 which is attached as Schedule "B". With the expiry date of the existing franchise agreement approaching, Enbridge Gas contacted the Regional Municipality of Durham on June 26, 2024 regarding the need to commence the process to renew a 20-year franchise agreement (see attached Schedule "C"). Enbridge Gas believes that this notification satisfied the conditions within paragraph 4(c) of the Model Franchise Agreement to extend the current terms and conditions until a new franchise agreement is executed.

5. Section 4(c) of the existing franchise agreement states that at any time within two years prior to the expiration of a franchise agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise agreement. The correspondence sent to the Regional Municipality of Durham to initiate discussions of a franchise agreement renewal was sent approximately three months in advance of the September 29, 2024 expiry date of the existing franchise agreement which is within the parameters contained in the Model Franchise Agreement.
6. Enbridge Gas does not have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Regional Municipality of Durham. As is noted in the *Natural Gas Facilities Handbook*, the OEB will generally only grant CPCNs at the lower-tier municipal level to avoid duplication.
7. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements with and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs) for each of the lower-tier municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Durham.
8. On November 27, 2024, the Council of the Municipality gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of Enbridge Gas and authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.
9. Attached hereto as Schedule "D" is a copy of the Resolution of the Council of the Municipality approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
10. Attached hereto as Schedule "E" is a copy of draft By-law 2025-XX and the proposed franchise agreement.
11. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements with and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Cavan-Monaghan, the Town of East Gwillimbury, the Town of Georgina, the Township of Hamilton, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the City of Markham, the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Municipality of Port Hope, the Township of Ramara and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville which are immediately adjacent to the Municipality. Enbridge Gas is not aware of any other natural gas distributor in the area.
12. The proposed franchise agreement is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
13. The address of the Municipality is as follows:  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3  
Attention: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk  
Telephone: (905) 668-7711  
Email: [alexander.harras@durham.ca](mailto:alexander.harras@durham.ca)

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.  
500 Consumers Road  
North York, ON M2J 1P8  
Attention: Neil MacNeil, Director, Capital Project Management and Execution  
Email: [neil.macneil@enbridge.com](mailto:neil.macneil@enbridge.com)

14. Should the Ontario Energy Board determine that a Notice of Hearing is required, Enbridge Gas believes that publishing the Notice in the local newspaper, on the OEB web site, on the Enbridge Gas' web site and on the municipality's web site will provide a broad awareness of this application. The largest media source in the Regional Municipality of Durham is [www.durhamregion.com](http://www.durhamregion.com). This is the media outlet used by the Municipality for its notices.
15. Enbridge Gas now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for:
  - (a) an Order under s. 9(3) approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Regional Municipality of Durham is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works; and
  - (b) an Order pursuant to s. 9(4) directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Regional Municipality of Durham is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025.

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Patrick**

**McMahon**

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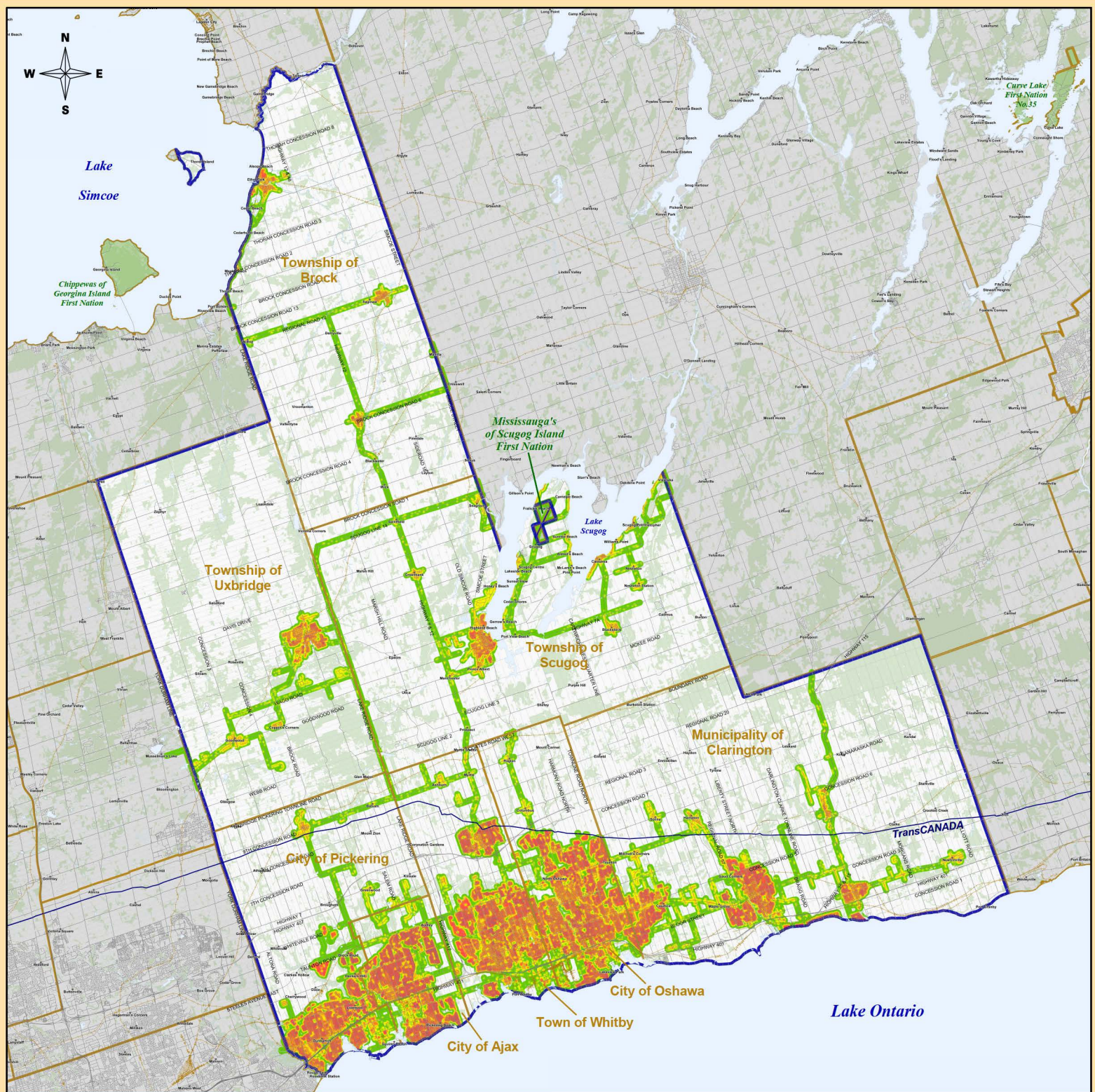
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BY-LAW NUMBER 59-2004  
OF  
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

being a by-law to authorize the execution of a franchise agreement between the Regional Municipality of Durham (the "Corporation") and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation deems it expedient to enter into the franchise agreement (attached hereto as Schedule "A") with Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Energy Board by its order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act* on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided for in the attached agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this by-law is not necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** as a by-law of The Regional Municipality of Durham through its Council thereof as follows:

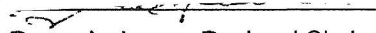
1. That the attached franchise agreement between the Corporation and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. That the Chair and the Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the aforesaid agreement, which agreement is hereby incorporated into and shall form part of this by-law.

BY-LAW read a first time this 29th day of September 2004.

BY-LAW read a second time this 29th day of September 2004.

BY-LAW read a third time and finally passed this 29th day of September 2004.

*[Original Signed By Roger Anderson]*

  
Roger Anderson, Regional Chair

*[Original Signed By P.M. Madill]*

  
P.M. Madill, Regional Clerk

## Model Franchise Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

BETWEEN: The Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham hereinafter called the

"Corporation"

- and -

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

**WHEREAS** the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS** by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

**THEREFORE** the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

### Part I - Definitions

1. In this Agreement:

- a. "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the Assessment Act;
- b. "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;
- c. "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;

- d. "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- e. "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- f. "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the Municipal Franchises Act. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- g. "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- h. "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- i. whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## **Part II - Rights Granted**

2. To provide gas service:

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Corporation and to the inhabitants of those local or lower tier municipalities within the Municipality from which the Gas Company has a valid franchise agreement for that purpose.

3. To Use Highways.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures.

- a. If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

- b. If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20-year term this agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7th anniversary and on the 14th anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20-year term.
- c. At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the Municipal Franchises Act.

### **Part III - Conditions**

#### **5. Approval of Construction**

- a. The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- b. Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- c. The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
  - i. where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
  - ii. when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- d. The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- e. Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- f. In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special

conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- g. Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the Drainage Act, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
  - h. The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
  - i. The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - j. The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.
6. As Built Drawings

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

7. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.

8. Restoration

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

9. Indemnification

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

10. Insurance

- a. The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- b. The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.

- c. Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

#### 11. Alternative Easement

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

#### 12. Pipeline Relocation

- a. If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- b. Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- c. Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
  - i. the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,

- ii. the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
  - iii. the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,
  - iv. the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
  - v. a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- d. The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

##### **14. Giving Notice**

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

##### **15. Disposition of Gas System**

- a. If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- b. If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan

as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System

- a. The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
  - i. the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
  - ii. the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- b. The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
  - i. the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
  - ii. the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- c. Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues

such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

17. Franchise Handbook

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

18. Agreement Binding Parties

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

*[Original Signed By Roger Anderson]*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROGER ANDERSON, REGIONAL CHAIR

*[Original Signed By P.M. Madill]*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.M. MADILL, REGIONAL CLERK  
Duly Authorized Officer

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

*[Original Signed By Janet Holder]*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANET HOLDER  
VICE PRESIDENT  
OPERATIONS

*[Original Signed By Mark Boyce]*  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark R. Boyce  
Associate General Counsel  
& Corporate Secretary

APPROVE AS TO FORM	
LEGAL	AL

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

- and -

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

**ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.**  
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Attention: Regulatory Affairs Department

**Attachments:**

[2023 11 14 - Updated Guidelines to Municipalities.docx](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Durham Region.docx](#)  
[Draft Bylaw - Durham Region.docx](#)  
[Bylaw and Franchise Agreement - Durham \(September 29, 2004\).pdf](#)  
[Gas Franchise Handbook \(May 2002\).pdf](#)  
[MA3692 - CD Regional Municipality of Durham \(EGD\).pdf](#)  
[Model Franchise Agreement - Regional Municipality of Durham \(Updated\).pdf](#)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 12:46 PM

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**Subject:** Enbridge & Region of Durham Franchise Agreement Renewal

Hello Elaine,

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On September 29, 2024, the current franchise agreement between the Regional Municipality of Durham and the former Enbridge Gas Distribution will expire. Based on the most recent customer count report, we currently provide service to approximately 213,200 customers in the lower-tier municipalities under the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Durham. We have been providing gas distribution services within the Regional Municipality of Durham since approximately 1983 (although predecessor gas distribution companies within Oshawa date back to 1931).

Provincial legislation requires a franchise agreement between the municipal corporation and the gas company serving that municipality. The Ontario Energy Board has directed that the current 2000 Model Franchise Agreement be used as the model for such agreements.

As a result, Enbridge Gas and the Regional Municipality of Durham need to commence the process to renew a 20-year franchise agreement using the approved model.

To assist you in this matter, I am enclosing the following documents for discussions with the Regional Municipality of Durham:

1. Franchise Agreement Renewal Documents:
  - Guidelines to Municipalities Respecting the Renewal of Franchise Agreements
  - Draft Resolution of the municipality
  - Draft By-Law of the municipality
  - 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.
2. Historical Background:
  - a copy of the current By-Law #59-2004 (passed on September 29, 2004) and the current Franchise Agreement effective September 29, 2004
3. Reference Documents:
  - a copy of the Gas Franchise Handbook (an explanatory supplement to the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement)
  - customer density map for areas served within the Regional Municipality of Durham

This entire process to get a franchise agreement approved by the Ontario Energy Board can be quite lengthy and may take a few months.

Please review the *Guidelines to Municipalities Respecting the Renewal of Franchise Agreements* with the Regional Municipality of Durham.

I would be happy to arrange a time to walk you through the Ontario Energy Board process which begins with a council resolution passed by Durham Regional Council agreeing to renew the franchise agreement.

Please don't hesitate to provide me with some suggested dates to meet (in person or virtually) per your preference.

I look forward to connecting with you on this matter.

Thank you.

**Donna Popovic**

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June 4, 2025

I, Alexander Harras, Clerk of the Regional Municipality of Durham, certify that the attached is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham at their meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 in Whitby, Ontario.

*[Original Signed By Alexander Harras]*

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Alexander Harras,  
Regional Clerk



**Resolution Contained in Item 1 of  
Report #8 of the Committee of the Whole as  
Approved by Durham Region Council on November 27, 2024**

1. Enbridge Franchise Agreement Renewal (2024-COW-44)  
[CARRIED]
  - A) That staff be authorized to enter into a franchise agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. in the form of the Model Franchise Agreement attached hereto as Attachment #1 to Report #2024-COW-44 of the Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal Services, for a term of up to 20 years;
  - B) That the draft by-law generally in the form attached hereto as Attachment #2 to Report #2024-COW-44, be approved;
  - C) That the draft by-law and agreed-to franchise agreement be authorized for submission to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act;
  - D) That the Ontario Energy Board be requested to make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham is not necessary, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act; and
  - E) That the recommendations contained in the confidential memorandum from the Regional Solicitor (as contained in Attachment #3 to Report #2024-COW-44), be adopted.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

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[Original Signed By Alexander Harras]

REGIONAL CLERK

Authority by Report #2024-COW-44

**By-law Number 2025-  
of The Regional Municipality of Durham**

Being a by-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Regional Municipality of Durham and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Whereas the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Enbridge Gas Inc.;

And Whereas the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the Municipal Franchises Act on the     day of     , 2025 has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-Law is not necessary:

Now therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Franchises Agreement between the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham and Enbridge Gas Inc. attached hereto and forming part of this Byaw, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham to enter into and execute under it corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this By-Law.
3. That By-Law Number 59-2004 for the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham, passed in Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004 be hereby repealed.

This By-law Read and Passed on the ----<sup>th</sup> day of -----, 2025.

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J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

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A. Harras, Regional Clerk

# **2000 Model Franchise Agreement**

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THIS AGREEMENT effective this                      day of                      , 2025

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

## **Part I - Definitions**

### **1. In this Agreement**

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;

- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## **Part II - Rights Granted**

### **2. To provide gas service**

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Corporation and to the inhabitants of those local or lower tier municipalities within the Municipality from which the Gas Company has a valid franchise agreement for that purpose.

### **3. To Use Highways**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

### **4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures**

(a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

(b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.

(c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

### **Part III – Conditions**

#### **5. Approval of Construction**

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
  - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
  - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (j) The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.

## **6. As Built Drawings**

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

## **7. Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.

## 8. **Restoration**

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

## 9. **Indemnification**

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

## 10. **Insurance**

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

## 11. **Alternative Easement**

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

## 12. **Pipeline Relocation**

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
  - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
  - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
  - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,
  - (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and

- (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

##### **14. Giving Notice**

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

##### **15. Disposition of Gas System**

- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- (b) If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned

gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

#### **16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System**

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
  - (i) the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
  - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
  - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
  - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

#### **17. Franchise Handbook**

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

#### **18. Other Conditions**

None.

**19. Agreement Binding Parties**

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Henry, Regional Chair

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kitchen, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neil MacNeil, Director, Capital Project Management & Execution