Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied for approval of costs and the accounting treatment of costs, associated with two Integrated Resource Planning Pilot Projects.

Learn more. Have your say.



Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) is a natural gas system planning process that identifies and evaluates the potential for various alternatives to traditional pipeline infrastructure to meet natural gas system needs. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has identified two areas where deploying IRP alternatives can help meet a system need (IRP Pilot Projects) and has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order or orders approving the cost consequences of these two IRP Pilot Projects. Enbridge Gas has also applied for approval of the proposed accounting treatment to record costs of the same in Enbridge Gas's IRP costs deferral accounts for later disposition and recovery.

Enbridge Gas is bringing forward these two IRP Pilot Projects pursuant to Appendix A of the IRP Framework (issued in OEB File No. EB-2020-0091), which noted "Enbridge Gas is expected to develop and implement two IRP pilot projects. The pilots are expected to be an effective approach to understand and evaluate how IRP can be implemented to avoid, delay, or reduce facility projects." In response, Enbridge Gas designed two IRP Pilot Projects to implement demand-side IRP Alternatives ("IRPAs") in combination with supply-side IRPAs in the communities of Parry Sound (the "Parry Sound Pilot Project") and the City of Sarnia and Town of Plympton Wyoming (the "Southern Lake Huron Pilot Project"). These IRP Pilot Projects aim to mitigate identified system constraints and associated facility reinforcement projects, and are also intended to provide learnings regarding future IRPA design, performance, and potential for scalability.

A map of the two proposed IRP Pilot Project Areas is provided above.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. During the hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Enbridge Gas on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual consumers, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.



BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB's website now
- You can find information on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca/participate
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas's request. Apply by Monday, August 28, 2023 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0335**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0335** on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/participate**. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **Monday**, **August 28, 2023.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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