

Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)

2026 Newsletter



Let's start with the basics!

What is integrated resource planning (IRP)? IRP is a comprehensive approach to energy planning that considers both traditional facility and non-pipeline IRP alternatives to meet a system need. These alternatives are assessed to determine whether they can reduce, defer or avoid a traditional pipeline project, while taking into consideration safety, reliability, cost-effectiveness, public policy, optimized scoping and risk management.

What are alternative solutions? Non-pipeline IRP alternatives can include:

Demand side alternatives:

- Lowering or shifting natural gas peak demand use through energy efficiency programs such as Enhanced Targeted Energy Efficiency programs or Demand Response programs.

Supply side alternatives:

- Delivering more natural gas without adding new pipelines by using compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas.
- Adding supply through upstream deliveries.

Alternatives can be implemented individually or in combination to meet the needs of the system within the required timeframe.

Webinar overview

Enbridge Gas hosted four IRP information sharing webinars on Dec. 1, 11 and 17, 2025, and Jan. 14, 2026. The sessions provided an overview of IRP and the assessment process, along with updates on the 2026 Asset Management Plan Addendum, regional projects, and IRP pilot projects.

Enbridge Gas filed its 2026 Asset Management Plan (AMP) Addendum with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on Oct. 30, 2025. More information about this application can be found under OEB file EB-2020-0091. A completed IRP technical and economic evaluation has been completed for all investments in the AMP with a defined scope. Currently, no opportunities have been identified as viable candidates for IRP alternative implementation.

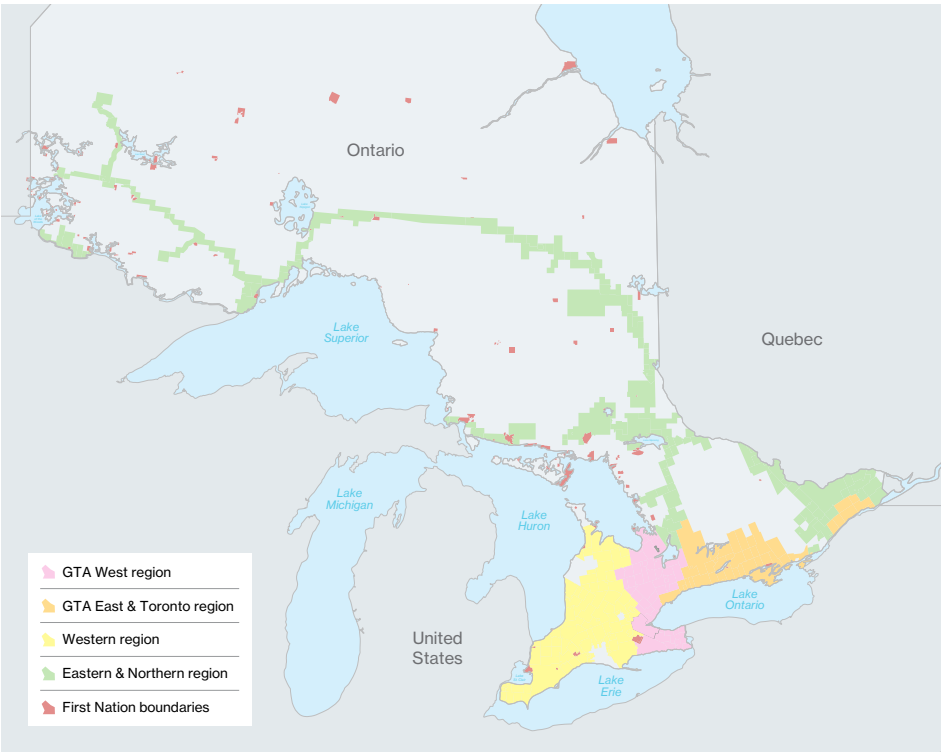
Key learnings to date: There is limited IRP potential for investments and traditional facility solutions remain the more cost-effective option.

- **For growth driven projects:** Sustained demand growth combined with higher implementation costs for the IRP alternative limit economic viability.
- **For non-growth driven projects:** Minimal cost savings achieved from a pipeline downsize limit economic viability.



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Ontario regional map



Southern Lake Huron Pilot project update



Enbridge Gas developed the Southern Lake Huron Pilot project to test IRP alternatives, like enhanced targeted energy efficiency and demand response, in the City of Sarnia, the community of Brights Grove and the Village of Point Edward. In March 2025, the Ontario Energy Board approved the pilot. It was launched, including websites and marketing in Q3 2025 as Sarnia Saves. Interest from residential and commercial customers has been strong.

Sarnia Saves streamlines eligibility and increases incentives compared to Enbridge Gas' Ontario-wide energy conservation offers. The pilot will also include a new residential demand response offering. The pilot leverages existing advanced meter reading technology to study pilot impacts on peak demand. Learnings on the design, delivery and participation in enhanced energy conservation will also be gathered.

Residential pilot highlights

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Homeowners can receive up to \$15,000 to cover the cost of home energy assessments and energy-efficient upgrades, including insulation, draft proofing and more.

A Demand Response program launching in Q1 2026 will incentivize customers who allow small, temporary thermostat adjustments during peak demand events.

Commercial and industrial pilot highlights

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Eligible businesses can get up to \$100,000 to cover the cost of energy efficient upgrades, including air curtains, ozone laundry, demand control ventilation, energy recovery ventilators and more.

Custom equipment qualifies for higher incentive amounts based on estimated natural gas savings of \$2.00/m³, up to \$250,000 for general businesses and \$500,000 for institutional and industrial businesses.

System Pruning Pilot project update

System pruning refers to the decommissioning of a portion of the natural gas system that has been identified as requiring a future investment. This approach would only be pursued when every customer serviced by that segment of main are willing to disconnect from the natural gas system.

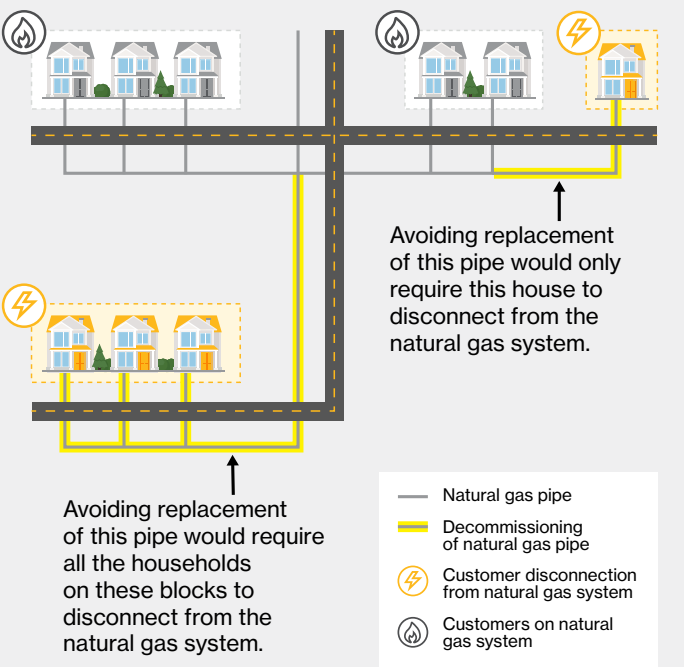
Enbridge Gas is conducting a pilot to test the concept of system pruning.

System Pruning IRP pilot scope: A small group of customers have been identified for this pilot, located at the end of gas mains and with services that will require investments in coming years.

System Pruning IRP pilot project approach: Selected customers will be engaged with an offer to replace their natural gas equipment and appliances with non-gas versions that have comparable features and functionality. Participation is voluntary and will inform learnings such as customer response to the offer and the economics relative to the natural gas infrastructure investment.

Enbridge Gas worked with the IRP Technical Working Group to develop the approach for the system pruning pilot in 2025 and implementation efforts will continue into 2026.

Example of avoiding pipeline replacement through system pruning



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