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**UPDATES TO
FRAMEWORK FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF DISTRIBUTOR GAS SUPPLY PLANS**

**To: All Rate-Regulated Natural Gas Distributors
All Intervenors in EB-2025-0065**

What You Need to Know

- The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has released an updated Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans.
- Updates reflect the OEB's Decision and Order on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2025 to 2030 Gas Supply Plan¹ and incorporate requirements from Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan².
- The updated Framework continues to outline the information the OEB requires to assess whether gas supply plans appropriately balance guiding principles and deliver value to customers.

Today, the OEB issued an updated *Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans* (Framework). The updates reflect the OEB's Decision and Order on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2025-2030 Gas Supply Plan and requirements from Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan.

The key updates include:

- New filing requirements to incorporate multiple demand scenarios arising from Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan and the Minister of Energy and Mines' implementation directive to the OEB;³

¹ EB-2025-0065

² [Energy for Generations | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/energy/generations)

³ <https://www.oeb.ca/documents/OC-802-2025.pdf>

- Amendments to the OEB's assessment of plans to reflect that five-year gas supply plans will be filed and reviewed in distributor rebasing applications;
- Reviews of annual updates will only be required where there are significant changes from an approved five-year gas supply plan; and
- Modernization of the Framework through the removal of outdated historical context from the 2018 Report of the OEB.

Background

In 2018, the OEB established the Framework, requiring regulated natural gas distributors to submit a comprehensive five-year gas supply plan every five years and annual updates in the interim years. The Framework set out three guiding principles that the OEB uses in assessing these plans: cost effectiveness, reliability (including security of supply), and support for public policy. It also set out the criteria required to assess whether the plans appropriately balance these principles and deliver value to customers.

Following the review Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2025 to 2030 Gas Supply Plan, the OEB issued its Decision and Order⁴ on May 21, 2026. Among other matters, the Decision addressed whether changes to the Framework may be warranted. In its Decision, the OEB did not make changes to the Framework's guiding principles or the criteria used to assess the gas supply plans. The OEB did, however, determine that two review process changes to the Framework were warranted.

First, five-year gas supply plans will be filed and reviewed as part of a distributor's rebasing application, subject to reasonable accommodations for differences in timing. The OEB found that aligning these reviews will allow key gas supply planning matters, including demand forecasting methodologies, design day criteria, storage parameters and load balancing, to be considered within a single evidentiary record, promoting regulatory efficiency and avoiding duplication.

Second, reviews of annual updates will occur only where there are significant changes from the approved five-year gas supply plan. The OEB found that this approach maintains appropriate oversight of any material deviations while avoiding unnecessary regulatory burden.

⁴ EB-2025-0065, [Decision and Order](#), May 21, 2026

The updated Framework also implements the Minister of Energy and Mines' June 11, 2025 directive⁵ requiring the OEB to incorporate multiple demand scenarios into natural gas distributors' planning frameworks and processes.

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Attachment(s):

- *Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans* (clean version)
- *Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans* (tracked changes version)

⁵ <https://www.oeb.ca/documents/OC-802-2025.pdf>