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**BY EMAIL**

April 17, 2026

TO: All Municipalities  
All Natural Gas Utilities  
Frequent Intervenors  
Information Session Participants

**Re: 2026 Generic Proceeding to Review the Model Franchise Agreement  
Extension of Intervention Deadline  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2026-0009**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) wishes to thank all municipalities, gas utilities, and other interested parties who attended the recent municipal franchise generic proceeding information session on April 15, 2026. The high level of engagement and thoughtful questions underscored the importance of this proceeding and the value of broad participation.

As explained in the [Notice of Hearing](#), municipalities, gas utilities, and other interested parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must apply for intervenor status and, where applicable, cost eligibility using the [OEB's online Intervention Form](#).

Following the information session, the OEB noted a common concern that some municipalities may be unable to meet the pre-established deadline for requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. In response to this concern, the OEB is extending the deadline to apply for intervenor status to **May 1, 2026**.

The OEB also acknowledges comments from various municipalities regarding potential challenges for active municipal participation in this proceeding due to the upcoming municipal election cycle. The OEB intends to consider this in designing its procedural schedule, which will be issued at a later date.

The commissioners assigned to this proceeding are: David Sword (presiding), Robert Dodds, and James Sidlofsky.

Should you have any questions regarding this proceeding, please contact Natalya Plummer at [natalya.plummer@oeb.ca](mailto:natalya.plummer@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

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Registrar