

Affordable, reliable, sustainable energy — can Ontarians have it all?

Absolutely, and to do so requires a responsible approach that includes both natural gas and electricity, with collaboration between energy providers, regulators and governments.

However, Ontario's energy transition pathway has reached a divide with a recent Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision.

- From 2025 onwards, builders and developers will be required to pay for all construction costs related to new gas connections at the start of the design of the project. Depending on the size of the project, it could mean millions of dollars of carrying costs for years in advance of any sales or occupancies.
- The OEB decision reduced the 2024 Enbridge Gas capital budget by \$300 million. This means that opportunities to invest in or grow natural gas infrastructure to meet increased demand will be limited. We are assessing which planned and future projects will be impacted.
- The OEB's decision is intended to be effective immediately for all connections, with no recognition of agreements signed before the implementation dates of 2024 and 2025.

Natural gas plays a critical role in Ontario

- Natural gas provides twice the energy of electricity at a quarter of the cost.
- Natural gas delivers five times more capacity than the maximum electricity demand in Ontario on a peak winter day. In any weather, our reliable natural gas system delivers.
- With unmatched energy intensity, natural gas is the energy backbone for Ontario industry and manufacturing.
- Natural gas partners well with renewable sources of energy and will support the evolution to a more electrified future.
- Leveraging pipeline infrastructure to deliver lower-carbon fuels, such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen, can be part of Ontario's lower carbon future.

There is a lot of information out there and we understand that it can be confusing. We are here to help cut through the information clutter and get to the facts.

✗ **Myth:** Enbridge Gas receives subsidies for new gas infrastructure from the Government of Ontario.

✓ **Fact:** Unlike Ontario's heavily-subsidized electricity system, Enbridge Gas does not receive direct subsidies or taxpayer money from the Government of Ontario.

✗ **Myth:** Existing Enbridge Gas customers subsidize new natural gas connections.

✓ **Fact:** Enbridge Gas abides by an existing Ontario Energy Board policy, EBO-188, which protects existing customers from the cost of expanding the natural gas system. It ensures costs are appropriately attributed to the customers who will benefit from that expansion.

✗ **Myth:** If natural gas infrastructure is unavailable as a result of the OEB's decision to reduce Enbridge Gas' capital budget, other energy sources are available to replace natural gas.

✓ **Fact:** The OEB decision did not provide evidence that other energy sources are ready to replace natural gas. For builders and developers, this could limit the ability to construct in 2024 and beyond.

Enbridge Gas applauds the Government of Ontario for advancing legislation and advocating for access to safe and reliable natural gas at a reasonable cost.

If you would like to ensure access to reliable and affordable natural gas for Ontario, we encourage you to speak up!

- 1 Support the Ontario Government's actions:** For details on how you can have your voice heard, please contact your Enbridge Gas New Construction Advisor.
- 2 Engage publicly:** Post on your website and on social media, respond publicly to media coverage with countering arguments on the need for access, customer choice and natural gas infrastructure.
- 3 Engage with the OEB:** Send a letter to the OEB, letting them know how these changes will impact your business.

Have questions? We have answers.

Contact your Enbridge Gas New Construction Advisor or visit enbridgegas.com/natural-gas-matters to learn why natural gas matters to Ontario.

We are committed to advocating for natural gas infrastructure in Ontario's energy evolution and ensuring our customers can access safe, reliable, affordable energy.