# Enbridge and Questar: Building a Future Together

#### **Enbridge Quail Holdings' Acquisition of Questar Gas and Wexpro** Public Service Commission of Utah Technical Conference



Docket No. 23-057-16 December 7, 2023

### **Dominion Energy**

### **Divestiture of gas distribution utilities, including Questar Gas & Wexpro**

#### Governance process for sale of gas utilities



#### November 2022

Dominion initiates a 'top-to-bottom' business review

#### **March 2023**

- Dominion, with its advisors Citigroup and Goldman Sachs, launches competitive sale process for gas distribution utility assets
- **Delivers Confidential Information Memorandum** (CIM) to prospective bidders

#### May/July 2023

Deadline for first and second round of bids 

#### August/September 2023

- Enbridge selected as winning bidder on all gas distribution utility assets
- Dominion Energy Board approves transaction; receives fairness opinion from advisors

#### Rationale for sale of gas utilities



Sale provides a source of efficient capital at attractive valuation



- **Re-deployment of capital to regulated electric utility** growth
  - Expected to improve Dominion Energy's credit profile and balance sheet to support regulated investment opportunity focused on resiliency and decarbonization

#### Significant improvement to Dominion Energy's financial credit metrics

Expected to reduce significant levels of debt and to improve the company's credit metrics





Agenda





## Introductions

#### **Michele Harradence**

- Executive Vice President & President, Gas Distribution and Storage of Enbridge Inc.
- President and Chief Executive Officer of Enbridge Gas Inc.

#### Chris Johnston ("CJ")

 Vice President, Finance – Integration of Enbridge Inc.

#### **Jim Sanders**

 Senior Vice President, Enterprise and Utility Integration of Enbridge Gas Inc.



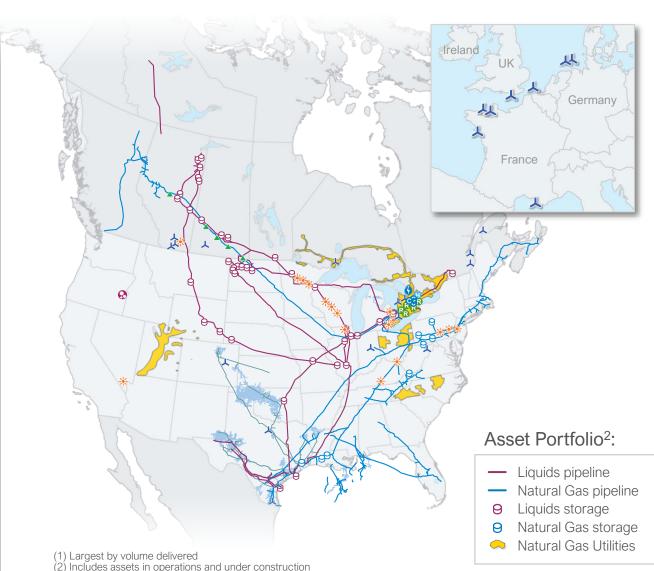
# Enbridge Inc.

#### NYSE: ENB | TSX: ENB.TO





## Enbridge Inc.



Gas Distribution	N.A.'slargest natural gas utility serving ~4 MM customers <sup>1</sup>
Gas Transmission	Deliver 20% of natural gas consumed by >170 MM people
Liquids	Transports ~30% of crude oil produced in North America
Power	2.3 GW <sup>1</sup> of renewable energy serving ~900,000 homes

- Our mission is to deliver the energy that fuels quality of life and be the first-choice provider for resilient sustainable energy solutions
- Enbridge's core values are Safety, Integrity, Respect, Inclusion, and High Performance
- \$28B acquisition of Spectra Energy created North America's premier energy infrastructure company
- ↓ 23 Wind farms onshore & offshore
  ★ 16 Solar energy operations
  ▲ 5 Waste heat recovery facilities
  ④ 3 CNG Fueling Stations
   7 RNG
  ⊕ 2 Hydrogen
  ⊕ 1 Geothermal facility
  ⊕ 1 Hydro facility



## Enbridge Gas Inc. & Gazifère Inc.

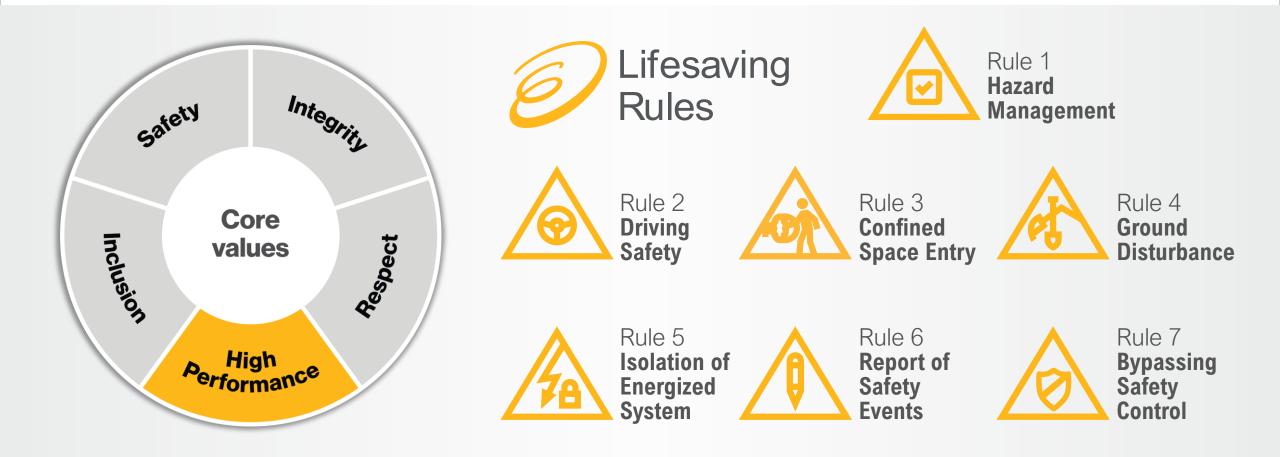


- Over 175 years of experience delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy
- Merger of Ontario's two largest natural gas utilities to create N.A.'s largest natural gas utility<sup>1</sup>
- Rate base in excess of \$11B
- Provides heating to more than 75% of Ontario homes with reliability of more than 99.99%
- Owns and operates one of two natural gas distributors in Québec
- Over 93,000 miles of distribution pipe, 2,200 miles of transmission pipe, and ~290 Bcf of storage
- Growth of 45k+ new customers per year<sup>2</sup>

Largest natural gas utility in N.A. by volume delivered; third-largest by customer count



## Enbridge's Core Values & Life Saving Rules





## Enbridge's Management Philosophy

- Committed to safety and the environment
- Experienced natural gas system operator: storage, transmission, and distribution
- Dedicated to investing in natural gas assets
- Customer centric
- Maintain presence in local community
- Devoted to being a first-choice employer
- Experience seamlessly integrating companies
- Financial wherewithal to grow and modernize assets, and execute on lower-carbon growth





## Corporate Citizenship & Recent Awards

#### **Community Investments 2022 Map**



#### **Enbridge Fueling Futures community impact 2022**

- ~\$16MM invested into the communities where we operate
- 53,712 volunteer hours by Enbridge employees
- 3,369 organizations supported

#### **Recent Awards & Recognitions**

- Women Lead Here
- 2022 CATALYST AWARD • Human Rights BEST Canada's To Winner 100 Campaign Foundation mployers Corporate Equality Index Bloomberg Gender 2022 **REPORT ON BUSINESS** Bloomberg Equality Index WOMEN LEAD HERE Top Employers Canadians **Over** Gender-Equality Canada's Best Diversity Employers 2022
- Canada's Top 100 Employers for 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year



In the past 5 years, Enbridge has invested \$80+ MM in donations into our communities



## Supporting Local Communities

## Low-income rate payer funded conservation programs

Provided to income qualified homes at no cost

### Safe Community Project Zero

- Public education program & distribution of smoke and CO detectors
- Contribution to Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council (2023) and Ontario fire departments

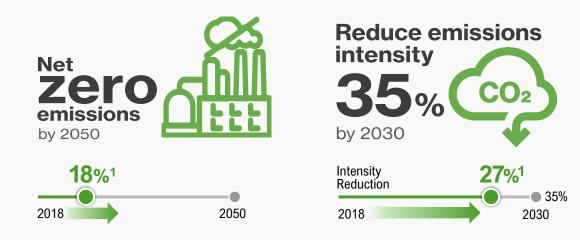
# Commitment to increase Questar's charitable contributions by \$175k/y for three years





## **Emission Reduction Strategy & Energy Transition**

#### **Enbridge Corporate Emissions**



- Reducing our own emissions
- Modernization of equipment, capturing of vented emissions, and enhanced leak detection and repair programs

### **First-choice energy transition partner**



Renewable Natural Gas



## Carbon Capture & Sequestration



#### Hydrogen

(1) GHG emissions reduction relative to 2018 baseline as published in ENB's 2022 Sustainability report DPU Question 1.5, OCS Question 4(c), UAE Question 8

## Acquisition Diligence



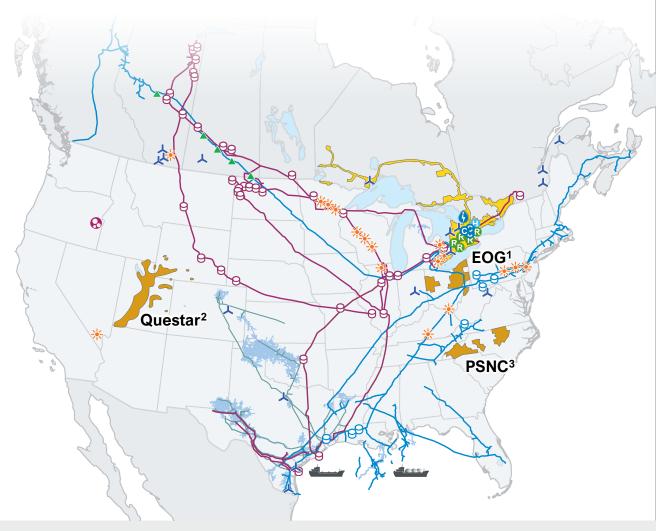
Relied on financial advisors and internal subject matter experts to perform diligence and confirm quality of assets Evaluated acquisition of all three utilities and Wexpro on a consolidated basis Retained legal and third-party advisors to opine on risks and regulatory process Consulted credit rating agencies, obtained opinions, and studied alternate financing structures

Approved by Board of Directors; acquisition aligns with long-term growth and sustainability commitments



## Complementary Opportunity

- Energy industry is transforming, and natural gas has a critical role to play in that transformation
- Compelling opportunity to expand our natural gas franchise and invest in utility assets
- Enbridge's expertise will complement Questar's infrastructure and well-run operations
- Questar will benefit from its affiliation with Enbridge
  - Access to resources and best practices
  - Collaborate on enhancement to safety, integrity, construction and operational programs
  - Share strong commitment to safety, customers, communities, and its employees



Together we can become a stronger and more resilient distribution company

DPU Question 1.1



## Local Management and Leadership

- Remain headquartered in Salt Lake City
- Operate as a separate legal entity
- Managed by local seasoned team
- Budgets developed locally to address specific utility needs, and presented to Executive Management
- Policies and practices will be managed locally with access to resources of Enbridge
- Local input is critical and essential to enhance best-in-class practices



Grow & develop local talent

# **Utility Operations**

**Questar & Wexpro** 





## Enbridge Gas Operations

#### Our proud team of ~3,000 employees across Operations and Engineering ensure the safe and reliable delivery of energy

- Principled approach to safety that supports a zero-event workplace
- Continuous improvement has achieved best ever performance
- Invest in programs to advance safety and reliability:
  - Integrated Management System
  - Joint Integrity Business Council





## Integrated Management System

#### Purpose

Enhances leadership line of sight to safety and reliability functions

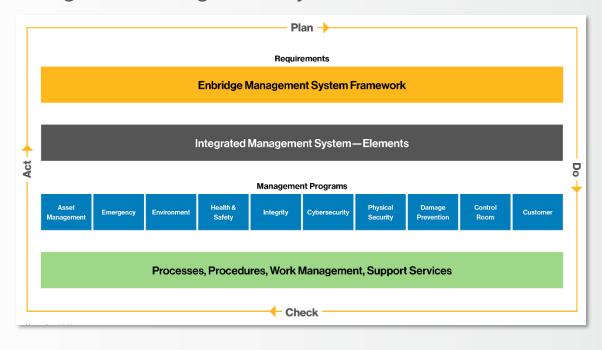




#### Implementation

Overlay IMS structure across key functions to leverage existing internal expertise

#### Enbridge Gas Distribution & Storage (GDS) Integrated Management System



IMS supports safe and reliable operations of our gas distribution company



## Access to Utility Programs

#### **Enbridge Joint Pipeline Integrity Business Council**



- Collaborate with one another on integrity and risk management best practices, drive common goals and share experiences, and lessons learned
- Questar will have an opportunity to participate and contribute



- Utilization of integrity tools and methods to proactively identify integrity features
- Development of new:
  - Integrity programs for higher risk distribution assets
  - Identification and management of geohazards

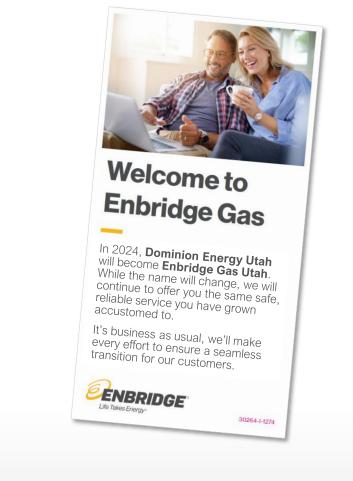
### Customer Care HI! COZE Enbridge Gas Virtual Assistant

- Launched chatbot, cozE, to address common questions
- Y-o-Y 22% increase in digital transactions
  - Most frequent transactions: meter reads, one-time payment, and moves



## Customer Communications & Outreach

- Dominion Energy Utah will be rebranded to;
  - "Enbridge Gas Utah"<sup>1</sup>
- Direct experience managing an integration process
- Tailored messaging for different customer classes: residential, business, large industrial as appropriate
- Methods under consideration include bill inserts, call center script, gradual rebranding and re-direct to Enbridge's website
- Ongoing consultation with OCS, Division and Questar on communication of ownership change
- No changes expected from a Customer Care perspective







## Transition Services Agreement (TSA)

- Questar currently receives certain services from Dominion affiliates under a shared services agreement
- Until these services can be provided by employees of Enbridge affiliates, Dominion employees will continue to provide these same services under a contract: Transition Services Agreement ("TSA")
- The TSA ensures there is no interruption of necessary services to Questar and its customers for a seamless transition
- Questar will be charged for services provided by Dominion employees utilizing the methodologies generally approved for cost allocation of shared services by Dominion
- Questar customers will be shielded from any surcharges associated with the TSA



# **Financing Details**

**Questar & Wexpro** 





## Positive Financial Strength of Enbridge

- Strong balance sheet with investment-grade credit ratings and access to significant liquidity
  - Over \$131.5B total assets and \$39B annual operating revenue
  - Diversified platform of low-risk energy and infrastructure assets
  - Access to ~\$16B in credit facilities
- Financial capacity to fund organic growth and to invest in Questar and Wexpro

Security	Standard & Poors	Moody's	DBRS	Fitch
Senior Unsecured Debt	BBB+	Baa1	BBB (High)	BBB+
Preferred Shares	P-2(low) <sup>1</sup>	Baa3	Pfd-3 (High)	BBB-
Commercial Paper	A-1(Low) <sup>2</sup>	-	R-2 (High)	F2
Outlook	Negative	Negative	Under Review Developing	Stable



## **Transaction Financing**

- Enbridge has obtained funding for the Questar Transaction
  - Completed sale of common shares for ~\$3.3B and ~\$3.5B subordinated notes
- Raised ~75% of \$9.4B acquisition to de-risk financing needs for the three gas utility acquisitions
- Balance of funding will be secured through:<sup>1</sup>
  - Ongoing capital recycling
  - At-The-Market share offering program
  - Dividend reinvestment
  - Subordinated debt (Hybrid Capital)
  - Long-term debt





## **Transaction Financing Continued**

- None of EQ Holdings, Questar Gas or Wexpro will incur any new indebtedness or liabilities for acquisition debt from the Transaction
- Questar will not seek recovery of transaction costs in its rates
  - Transaction costs include financial advisory and legal fees, executive change in control costs, and financing costs
- Questar and Wexpro will continue to have obligations under existing indebtedness

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## Ring-Fencing: Structural Design plus Commitments

## Genoa Holdings and subsidiaries established as a new and separate line of wholly owned subsidiaries:

- U.S. gas utilities separate and apart from other U.S. operations of Enbridge
- Each U.S. gas utility separate and apart from each other





## Ring-Fencing: Structural Design plus Commitments

## Corporate structure ring-fences Questar from credit and commercial risks of other gas utilities and affiliate companies

- Continue to allow Questar to enjoy benefit from affiliation with Enbridge
- Provides an extra layer of protection to ensure no single gas utility is in the position of lending its credit to, or subsidizing the obligations of, another gas utility
- Ensures that the customers of each gas utility are protected from risks outside of normal operations
- EQ Holdings commits to make capital contributions to Questar as necessary to maintain an equity ratio in the range of 48% to 55%, consistent with prior decisions

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## Ring-Fencing: Structural Design plus Commitments

#### The corporate structure and commitments

- Questar will maintain separate financing arrangements, financial statements and bank accounts
- Questar's access to capital will be unaffected by the transaction
  - Questar will continue to issue its own long-term debt and maintain issuer credit ratings
  - Questar will continue to have access to short-term debt for day-to-day needs
- No cross-subsidization between affiliates (intermediate buffer entities are not operating entities and are not allocated operating costs from a utility)
- Questar will pay dividends to its parent, Fall West HoldCo

#### **Additional ring-fencing commitments**

- A Special Bankruptcy Director will be appointed <u>with voting power</u> on any decision to file voluntary bankruptcy petition
- Reasonable access to EQ Holdings and affiliates' transactional, accounting and other information to explain costs allocated to Questar with audit rights
- Shared services priced at PSCU approved methodologies
- Continued filing of annual affiliate transactions report with Utah PSC



## Financing and Ring Fencing: Conclusion

## Questar credit risks unchanged by the transaction

- Structural separation through separate subsidiary chains under Genoa Holdings
- Robust ring-fencing
- Equity ratio commitments
- Dividend commitments

