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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2009-0172 –Interrogatories of BOMA

Please find attached the interrogatories of the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area in the above noted proceeding.

Sincerely,

Randy Aiken

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cc Bonnie Jean Adams, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas.

INTERROGATORIES OF THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF THE GREATER TORONTO AREA ("BOMA")

Interrogatory # 1

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 1, Sch. 2, Appendix A

a) What would be the impact on the gross return component of 9.36% shown in page 3 of Appendix A if the corporate income tax rate of 31% was used in the calculation?

b) What is the impact on the carrying cost requirement of $36,740.4 shown in page 1 of Appendix A if the gross return component using a corporate tax rate of 31% was used for 2010?

c) Please explain why ratepayers are not entitled to the reduction in the carrying cost requirement calculated above.

Interrogatory # 2

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 1, Sch. 4, Table 2

a) Please add a column to Table 2 to show the 2008 Board approved budget in the same level of detail as shown in the table.

b) Please provide, in the same level of detail as shown in Table 2, the actual customer additions for 2007 and the corresponding Board approved forecast additions from the 2007 rates proceeding.

c) Please provide, in the same level of detail as shown in Table 2, the actual 2009 (or if unavailable, the estimate based on the most recent year-to-date) customer additions.

d) What would be the impact on the revenue requirement and the proposed rate increase if the 2010 forecast of customer additions was reduced by 10% across all sectors?

Interrogatory # 3

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 1, Sch. 5, page 1

a) Please explain what is meant by the statement that "The 2010 forecast of gas volumes incorporates calendar 2008 actual billing consumption". Does this mean that the regression analysis uses actual data through to the end of calendar 2008?

b) Have the 2008 actual and 2009 bridge year estimates of volumes been normalized based on the number of degrees days used in the 2008 and 2009 Board approved budgets? If not, please revise Table 1 to provide the 2008 actual and 2009 bridge year estimate based on the number of degree days used in the approved budgets for each of 2008 and 2009.

Interrogatory # 4

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 1, Sch. 5

a) How many months of actual consumption are included in the 2009 bridge year estimate?

b) Please update tables 1 and 2 & figures 1 and 2 to show the 2009 bridge year estimate based on the most recent year-to-date actual information available.

c) Have all of the years shown in figures 1 and 2 been normalized to the same number of degree days? If yes, have they been normalized to the 2010 forecast of degree days? If not, please explain what they have been normalized to.

Interrogatory # 5

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 1, Sch. 2, page 1 & Ex. B, Tab 2, Sch. 1, Appendix A, page 1

Please reconcile the 2009 figures related to the power generation projects of $3.2 shown at line 7 of Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 2, page 1 and the figure of $3,088.8 (different units) in the 2009 column of Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Appendix A, page 1. Is the difference due only to rounding? If not, what is the difference between these figures related to?

Interrogatory # 6

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 2, Sch. 1, Appendix A

Please provide a capital cost continuity schedule showing the derivation of the CCA amounts show on page 4 of Appendix A for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Interrogatory # 7

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 2, Sch. 2

To which rate classes will EGD allocate the $1.25 million related to the proposed industrial support pilot program? How will EGD ensure that this increase in the revenue requirement is not allocated to other rate classes as part of the revenue per customer cap mechanism?

Interrogatory # 8

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 3, Sch. 1, paragraph 29

a) Please explain why EGD is still requesting a Z factor adjustment of $18.9 million, based on the 2008 Mercer report, when the most recent estimate provided by Mercer is a total cost of $3.0 million.

b) Based on the most recent information available (i.e. beyond August 31, 2009), what is the current estimate from Mercer of the total cost to EGD?

Interrogatory # 9

Ref: Ex. B, Tab 4, Sch. 1, Table 1 & Ex. A, Tab 2, Sch. 1

Please reconcile the T-service rate impacts shown in Table 1 that range from 0.6% to 1.70% with the 5.0% figures included in paragraph 10 of Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 1.

Interrogatory # 10

Ref: Ex. C, Tab 1, Sch. 4

The provincial government will convert the Ontario Retail Sales Tax (RST) to a value-added tax structure and combine it with the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) to create a single harmonized sales tax (HST). This change will take place July 1, 2010.

Does EGD intend to calculate the impact of this change at the end of 2010 and bring forward any balance for disposal at that time as part of the sharing of tax change savings?