



EB-2007-0615

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2008;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a combined proceeding Board pursuant to section 21(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

DECISION AND ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge" or the "Company") filed an Application on May 11, 2007 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2008.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2007-0615 to the Enbridge Application and has issued a Notice of Applications and Combined Proceeding dated May 25, 2007.

On November 2, 2007 Enbridge filed a letter requesting that the Board declare Enbridge's existing 2007 rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas to be interim effective January 1, 2008 given the virtual certainty that the Board will not be able to issue an order fixing final rates for 2008 prior to January 1, 2008. Enbridge's application in this proceeding included the relief that interim rates be

set and implemented as of January 1, 2008 in the event that a final rate Order would not be in place on January 1, 2008.

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 10 dated November 7, 2007, parties were provided the opportunity to make submissions on Enbridge's request for interim rates and in this regard no parties objected.

In light of the current timetable for this proceeding, the Board considers it appropriate that Enbridge's rates be declared interim effective January 1, 2008. The Board notes that, for purposes of this Decision and Order, the rates declared interim are those as approved in Enbridge's January 2008 QRAM Application (EB-2007-0897).

Please be aware that further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

The Board therefore orders that:

1. The rates for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. approved in EB-2007-0897 shall be interim effective January 1, 2008.
2. The Company shall file by December 31, 2007 the Rate Handbook pertaining to EB-2007-0897, updated to indicate that the rates therein are interim.

DATED at Toronto, December 18, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Board Secretary