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February 25, 2014

## VIA RESS, EMAIL AND COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 2700
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2013-0046 2012 Earnings Sharing Mechanism and Other Deferral and Variance Accounts Clearance Review - Draft Rate Order

Further to the Draft Rate Order filed on February 20, 2014, attached please find the updated Draft Rate Order provided by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. in the above noted proceeding.

The resulting unit rates will be applied to each customer's actual 2012 consumption volume for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and will be recovered or remitted to customer's as a one-time billing adjustment in April 2014.

Any party that wishes to comment on Enbridge's Draft Rate Order package shall do so within 7 days of the reciept of this letter in order for the Board to consider the Draft Rate Order package in time for it to be implemented along with the April 1st QRAM.

This submission was filed through the Board's RESS and will be available on our website at www.enbridgegas.com/ratecase.

Sincerely,
(Original signed by)
Lorraine Chiasson
attachment.
cc: Mr. D. Stevens, Aird \& Berlis LLP
All Interested Parties in EB-2011-0354

## Clearance of 2012 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

In response to the Board's Decision and Order issued on February 6, 2014, Enbridge has made the following changes to its Deferral and Variance Account Balances as compared to the balances that were reflected in the pre-filed evidence:

1. Decreased the debit balance in the 2012 GDARCDA by $\$ 0.916$ million to $\$ 0.181$ million
2. Decreased the credit balance in the 2012 ESMDA by $\$ 2.96$ million to $\$ 7.39$ million.
3. Updated accrued interest for all 2012 deferral and variance accounts to coincide with a one-time billing adjustment in April 2014.

The resulting unit rates for each type of service are shown on page 3. Each unit rate will be applied to each customer's actual 2012 consumption volume for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and will be recovered or remitted to customers as a one-time billing adjustment in April 2014.

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|  |  | Actual at <br> January 31, 2014 |  | Forecast for clearance at March 31, 2014 |  |
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| Line No. Account Description | Account Acronym | Principal | Interest | Principal | Interest |
|  |  | (\$000's) | (\$000's) | (\$000's) | (\$000's) |
| Non Commodity Related Accounts |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Demand Side Management V/A | 2011 DSMVA | 535.8 | (40.2) | 535.8 | (38.8) ${ }^{1}$ |
| 2. Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism | 2011 LRAM | (55.3) | (0.3) | (55.3) | (0.5) ${ }^{1}$ |
| 3. Shared Savings Mechanism V/A | 2011 SSMVA | 6,769.5 | 41.5 | 6,769.5 | 58.1 |
| 4. Deferred Rebate Account | 2012 DRA | (940.8) | (17.3) | (940.8) | (19.7) |
| 5. Gas Distribution Access Rule Costs D/A | 2011 GDARCDA | 89.9 | 2.8 | - | - |
| 6. Gas Distribution Access Rule Costs D/A | 2012 GDARCDA | 700.9 | 28.0 | 181.8 | - |
| 7. Ontario Hearing Costs V/A | 2012 OHCVA | $(1,259.7)$ | (21.1) | $(1,259.7)$ | $(24.1)^{3}$ |
| 8. Unbundled Rate Implementation Cost D/A | 2012 URICDA | 155.0 | 3.4 | 155.0 | 3.8 |
| 9. Average Use True-Up V/A | 2012 AUTUVA | 4,361.3 | 69.5 | 4,361.3 | 80.1 |
| 10. Tax Rate and Rule Change V/A | 2012 TRRCVA | 300.0 | 5.1 | 300.0 | 5.9 |
| 11. Earnings Sharing Mechanism D/A | 2012 ESMDA | $(7,382.7)$ | (150.3) | $(7,392.0)$ | (168.3) ${ }^{6}$ |
| 12. Electric Program Earnings Sharing D/A | 2012 EPESDA | (281.7) | (4.5) | (281.7) | (5.1) |
| 13. Ex-Franchise Third Party Billing Services D/A | 2012 EFTPBSDA | (143.0) | (2.3) | (143.0) | (2.7) |
| 14. Transition Impact of Accounting Change D/A | 2013 TIACDA | 88,716.0 | - | 4,435.8 | - |
| 15. Total non commodity related accounts |  | 91,565.2 | (85.7) | 6,666.7 | (111.3) |
| Commodity Related Accounts |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. Transactional Services D/A | 2012 TSDA | $(26,077.3)$ | (527.5) | $(26,077.3)$ | (591.3) |
| 17. Unaccounted for Gas V/A | 2012 UAFVA | 2,067.9 | 32.9 | 2,067.9 | 37.9 |
| 18. Storage and Transportation D/A | 2012 S\&TDA | (699.8) | (15.9) | (699.8) | (17.7) |
| 19. Total commodity related accounts |  | $(24,709.2)$ | (510.5) | $(24,709.2)$ | (571.1) |
| 20. Total Deferral and Variance Accounts |  | 66,856.0 | (596.2) | $(18,042.5)$ | (682.4) |

## Notes:

1. The 2011 DSMVA, SSMVA, and LRAM balances were approved for clearance in the EB-2013-0075 proceeding.
2. The forecast clearance amount, associated with the 2011 and 2012 GDARCDA balances, is the result of a revenue requirement calculation found in evidence at Ex.C-1-2, updated to reflect EGD's letter dated September 6, 2013 with respect to the Settlement agreement. Please see that Attachment
3. The OHCVA calculation is found in evidence at Ex.C-1-5.
4. The AUTUVA explanation is found in evidence at Ex.C-1-3.
5. The TRRCVA explanation is found in evidence at Ex.C-1-4.
6. The ESMDA explanation is found in evidence at Ex.B-1-1 and B-1-2, and is updated to reflect EGD's letter dated September 6, 2013 with respect to the Settlement Agreement.
7. The TIACDA clearance is in accordance with the EB-2011-0354 Final Rate Order.

## UNIT RATE AND TYPE OF SERVICE: CLEARING IN APRIL 2014

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| Bundled Services: |  |  |
| RATE 1 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.3841) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.0632) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.3841) |
| RATE 6 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.1175) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | 0.2034 |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.1175) |
| RATE 9 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.5184) |
|  | - BUYISELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.1975) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | 0.0000 |
| RATE 100 | - SYSTEM SALES | 0.1346 |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | 0.4555 |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | 0.1346 |
| RATE 110 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.4025) |
|  | - BUYISELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.0816) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.4025) |
| RATE 115 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.4719) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.1510) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.4719) |
| RATE 135 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.0977) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | 0.2232 |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.0977) |
| RATE 145 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.8594) |
|  | - BUYISELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.5385) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.8594) |
| RATE 170 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.2340) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | 0.0869 |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | (0.2340) |
| RATE 200 | - SYSTEM SALES | (0.3517) |
|  | - BUY/SELL | 0.0000 |
|  | - ONTARIO T-SERVICE | (0.0309) |
|  | - WESTERN T-SERVICE | 0.0000 |
| Unbundled Services: |  |  |
| RATE 125 | - All | (0.4500) |
|  | - Customer-specific (\$) | \$20,696 |
| RATE 300 | - All | (3.3386) |

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Notes:

* Unit Rates derived based on 2012 actual volumes
$* *$ The Company incurred $\$ 82.5 \mathrm{k}$ in additional staffing costs in 2012 associated with the additional upstream (such as FT-SN) nomination windows for unbundled customers. As specified in
the NGEIR Settlement Agreement (EB-2005-0551 Ex S T1 S1 p13), the costs are to be recovered from the parties who availed of the service. Three customers on Rate 125 utilized the
additional nomination windows in 2012 and the costs were allocated equally among the three customers.


## Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. <br> 2012 Deferral and Variance Account Clearing

## Bill Adjustment in April 2014 for Typical Customers

| ItemNo. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | GENERAL SERVICE | Annual Volume m3 | Unit Rates |  |  | Bill Adjustment |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\underset{\text { cents/m3 }}{\underline{\text { Sales }}}$ | Ontario TS cents/m3 | $\frac{\text { Western TS }}{\text { cents } / \mathrm{m} 3}$ | Sales Customers \$ | Ontario TS Customers \$ | Western TS Customers \$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1.1 \\ & 1.2 \end{aligned}$ | RATE 1 RESIDENTIAL | 3,064 | (0.3841) | (0.0632) | (0.3841) | (11.8) | (1.9) | (11.8) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2.1 \\ & 2.2 \end{aligned}$ | RATE 6 COMMERCIAL General Use | 43,285 | (0.1175) | 0.2034 | (0.1175) | (51) | 88 | (51) |
| CONTRACT SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1 | RATE 100Industrial - small size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.2 |  | 339,188 | 0.1346 | 0.4555 | 0.1346 | 457 | 1,545 | 457 |
| 4.1 | RATE 110Industrial - small size, 50\% LF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.2 |  | 598,568 | (0.4025) | (0.0816) | (0.4025) | $(2,409)$ | (489) | $(2,409)$ |
| 4.5 | Industrial - avg. size, 75\% LF | 9,976,120 | (0.4025) | (0.0816) | (0.4025) | $(40,154)$ | $(8,142)$ | $(40,154)$ |
| 5.1 | RATE 115 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.2 | Industrial - small size, 80\% LF | 4,471,609 | (0.4719) | (0.1510) | (0.4719) | $(21,100)$ | $(6,751)$ | $(21,100)$ |
| 6.1 | RATE 135 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.2 | Industrial - Seasonal Firm | 598,567 | (0.0977) | 0.2232 | (0.0977) | (585) | 1,336 | (585) |
| 7.1 | RATE 145 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.2 | Commercial - avg. size | 598,568 | (0.8594) | (0.5385) | (0.8594) | $(5,144)$ | $(3,224)$ | $(5,144)$ |
| 8.1 | RATE 170 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.2 | Industrial - avg. size, 75\% LF | 9,976,120 | (0.2340) | 0.0869 | (0.2340) | $(23,346)$ | 8,665 | $(23,346)$ |

[^0]September 6, 2013

## BY EMAIL AND FILED VIA RESS

Kirsten Walli<br>Board Secretary<br>Ontario Energy Board<br>2300 Yonge Street<br>Suite 2700<br>Toronto, ON M4P 1E4<br>Dear Ms Walli:

## Re: EB-2013-0046: Enbridge Gas Distribution 2012 Earnings Sharing Mechanism Withdrawal of Contested Issues re. 2012 GDARCDA and 2012 ESMDA

We represent Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge, or the Company).
The Settlement Agreement in this proceeding, which was accepted by the Board on August 20, 2013, indicated that there are three unsettled issues. Within the Settlement Agreement, all parties agreed upon the adjustments to be made to relevant deferral/variance accounts in the event that Enbridge does not succeed in defending its position on each particular unsettled issue. The Board's Decision on Settlement Agreement and Procedural Order No. 2 indicated that the three unsettled issues will proceed to hearing.

Enbridge has determined that it will no longer contest two of the three unsettled issues. Specifically, the Company will not seek to include late payment penalty (LPP) revenue reductions within the 2012 Gas Distribution Access Rule Costs Deferral Account (GDARCDA), and the Company will not seek to include revenues received from third parties for their extraction of by-products from Enbridge's gas within the Company's revenues for Earnings Sharing Mechanism Deferral Account (ESMDA) purposes. Given this determination, Enbridge is implementing the agreed-upon consequences of not convincing the Board of its position on those issues within the relevant deferral and variance accounts.

This determination will allow for the hearing to be focused upon the remaining outstanding issue, which relates to capacity release exchange transactions recorded within the 2012 Transactional Services Deferral Account (TSDA). As Enbridge explained in response to the 2011 ESM Decision (EB-2012-0055), its evidence in the 2011 ESM case did not provide a full explanation and context for the background, methodology and nature of Transactional Services (TS), including capacity release exchange transactions. The Company's filing in this case provides enhanced explanation and context for capacity release exchange transactions. Enbridge's decision not to pursue the other unsettled
issues in this case will allow for appropriate focus to be placed on this TS issue at the September $20^{\text {th }}$ hearing.

As detailed below, the Company has now taken steps to implement the agreed-upon financial consequences of its determination not to contest two of the three unsettled issues.

In relation to the 2012 GDARCDA item, the Settlement Agreement (Issue 1(v) at page 8) set out the unsettled issue as follows: "Enbridge recorded an amount of \$916,000 in the 2012 GDARCDA due to a reduction in Late Payment Penalties that resulted from the new minimum payment period provided for amendments to the Gas Distribution Access Rule filed on February 17, 2011 (EB-2010-0280). The issue is whether this amount is properly recorded in the 2012 GDARCDA." Parties agreed within the Settlement Agreement that " $[i] f$ the Board does not accept that the 2012 GDARCDA balance should include a reduction in Late Payment Penalties, there would be a corresponding reduction in earnings sharing. Enbridge's 2012 earnings would be adjusted downward by $\$ 916,000$ to reflect lower revenues resulting in a reduction of approximately $\$ 458,000$ in the amount recorded in the 2012 ESMDA."

Enbridge has reflected these agreed-upon changes in the relevant accounts by reducing the balance in the 2012 GDARCDA by \$916,000, and reducing the Company's 2012 earnings by the same amount. This results in a reduction of $\$ 458,000$ in the amount recorded in the 2012 ESMDA.

In relation to the outstanding 2012 ESMDA item, the Settlement Agreement (Issue 1(x) at page 10) set out the unsettled issue as follows: "whether the commodity costs of gas purchased by Enbridge in Western Canada which Enbridge recovers from ratepayers should be reduced by $\$ 5$ million of revenue that Enbridge received from third parties for their extraction of by-products from Enbridge's gas. This revenue was received by Enbridge as a result of the processing of natural gas at a third party extraction plant in Alberta to produce pipeline quality gas by removing natural gas liquids, namely, ethane, propane, butane and condensate." Parties agreed within the Settlement Agreement that "[i]f the answer to the unsettled issue with respect to the 2012 ESMDA is in the affirmative, then the gas commodity component of the PGVA should be reduced by $\$ 5$ million. As well, there will be a reduction in Enbridge's 2012 earnings for the purposes of earnings sharing with ratepayers, resulting in a reduction of approximately $\$ 2.5$ million in the balance recorded in the 2012 ESMDA."

Enbridge has reflected these agreed-upon changes in the relevant accounts. The change to the PGVA balance (a reduction of $\$ 5$ million in the commodity component, to reflect the application of extraction revenues to offset commodity costs) has been effected, and is reflected within Enbridge's October 1, 2013 QRAM Application (which will be filed under file EB-2013-0295 on or about September 10, 2013). At the same time, as a consequence of applying the $\$ 5$ million extraction revenues to offset commodity costs, the Company's 2012 revenues are reduced by the same amount. This results in a reduction in the amount within the 2012 ESMDA of $\$ 2.5$ million. The accounting treatment described above, where extraction revenues are applied as an offset within the PGVA, will continue for 2013 and subsequent years.

As a result of the adjustments described above, the principal amount for clearance within the 2012 ESMDA is now $\$ 7.39$ million, as compared to the previously reported balance of $\$ 10.350$ million. This reduction is offset by the fact that the balance to be cleared within the 2012 GDARCDA is reduced by $\$ 916,000$, and a credit of $\$ 5$ million has been added to the PGVA.

Enbridge acknowledges that the Board has just issued Procedural Order No. 3 in this case, requiring Enbridge to file a Hearing Plan by September $17^{\mathrm{th}}$. Given that Enbridge is no longer contesting the intervenor position in relation to the 2012 GDARCDA and 2012 ESMDA issues, the Company assumes that there are no further outstanding issues in this proceeding related to those items. Accordingly, the Company does not plan to present any witness panels on those issues at the September $20^{\text {th }}$ hearing. The Company's witness panel at the hearing will be focused on the remaining issue, which relates to capacity release exchange transactions, and the 2012 TSDA. Subject to consultation with Board Staff and intervenors, the Company expects that the Hearing Plan will address only address the unsettled aspects of Issue 2, which relate to the inclusion of capacity release exchange transactions within the 2012 TSDA.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.
Yours very truly,


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[^1]:    cc. Enbridge Gas Distribution

    All parties registered in EB-2013-0046

