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**Subject:** EB-2014-0039 (Enbridge Application)

To: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board  
CC: Rosemarie Leclair, Chair & Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Energy Board

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the proposed rate increase by Enbridge. Please do not approve this application.

I'm sure you will recall that it was just a month ago that Enbridge stated that their massive storage capacity would "mute any price increase". Do you not find it interesting that this statement came in the midst of our extreme cold weather, which is being blamed for the 'shortage'? If they have miscalculated, we should not have to pay for it.

Over the past few years, we have had several warm winters in Ontario. In fact, on March 18th, 2012 the temperature was recorded at Toronto Pearson Airport at 19.9 degrees Centigrade. That week, we set record-high temperatures in Central Canada. Why did consumers not benefit from the savings that Enbridge enjoyed during that winter and the other last few warmer winters? If consumers are not made to benefit from the savings, why do we have to be passed the costs of what is plainly, the cost of doing business in Canada? Enbridge is indeed a business, and they are indeed doing very well. You do not have to be a financial analyst to read their earnings report to be aware of that fact, and to know that the profit motive and shareholder return is the primary concern of any publicly traded company.

And how will this affect Enbridge's 5-year rate plan, which they filed in Application number, EB-2012-0459? In that application, the plan was to decrease rates in 2014 and increase them in 2015 and 2016. If the average consumer can expect an increase of \$400 when rates were supposed to 'decrease', what will this mean for future years? Do you not see how this spirals out of control if you allow this to happen? It also invites other gas suppliers to apply for an increase, and it dominoes from there to other energy providers. Recently Ontario Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli noted that some of Ontario's gas-fired electricity generators would be facing higher costs due to the proposed hikes, and then yet again, it would likely be passed on to the consumer. You hold it in your power to stop the insanity.

Ms. Walli, I beg you, please side with the average civilian; the average hard-working, low-income, tax-paying citizen, rather than siding with the Corporation. Let Enbridge absorb this extreme weather situation, and 'act of God' if you will, as part of the costs of doing business. That is the right thing to do.

Thank You,  
A. Alchesi