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To: BoardSec  
Subject: Enbridge

To The Ontario Energy Board,

I understand from CBC News that Enbridge has applied for a 40% increase in the rates it charges customers for natural gas. Further, it seems that when taxes are compounded the increase will be nearer 50%.

In a period of 1.5% inflation increases of this magnitude are unconscionable. For people like myself (I am retired) and others living on fixed incomes, a 50% increase in home heating costs could mean making a choice between eating properly, keeping warm or buying medications that are not covered under provincial plans. Our incomes won't increase to cover this.

Enbridge's price was adjusted effective January 1, 2014. Now they want to change it again. I suggest that any adjustment in price wait until this cold period is over so that any price increase be based on reasonable expectations rather than on a knee-jerk reaction to cold weather. Let's face it, prices are always quick to go up but never so quick to come down again.

You need to remember that the consumer's pocket isn't bottomless. Your actions now, denying Enbridge this outrageous cash grab, can prevent the sort of fuel poverty that we see in the UK.

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Sent from Bob MacMorran's iPad