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Sent: March-14-14 2:30 PM
To: BoardSec
Subject: Enbridge Price Hike Application

Ontario Energy Board Members,

I am writing to express my sincerest objection to the application filed by Enbridge to increase natural gas prices in Ontario by a ridiculous 40%. The public reason Enbridge is offering to this application is the need to replenish its reserve inventory. That responsibility should be fulfilled through Enbridge's already extremely high profits, not from the pockets of Ontario consumers who have already had to cope with additional costs to heat their homes through an unusually harsh winter.

The Ontario Energy Board has no mandate or responsibility to support price gouging practices, which is clearly what this application is. These prices will NOT voluntarily decrease once the reserve is replenished. The corporation will use this price hike to do what it always does, maximize profits!

Further, Enbridge knows well full this application is being made as the need for natural gas for home heating begins to decrease with the approach of spring. Enbridge can replenish its reserve during the summer months at a reduced price. There is ZERO justification for approving this price increase to Ontario consumers.

Enbridge's CEO makes a salary in excess of \$12 million annually. He has to work a single 8 hour day to make what the average Canadian earns in an entire year. If the company desperately needs to find funds to replenish reserves, I would suggest they can easily do so with internal cost saving measures!

I cannot emphasize strongly enough for everyday working Ontarians, small and medium size businesses, and especially for those on fixed incomes or in low wage situations, this application MUST be rejected outright!

Sincerely,
Shawn Lewis

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