

**From:** Ashley Hatt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** March 24, 2014 12:48 AM  
**To:** BoardSec  
**Subject:** RE: Enbridge Gas Application for Rate Increase EB-2014-0039

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am very concerned about the proposed rate increase filed by Enbridge to the Ontario Energy Board. The proposed rate increase of 40% (or approximately \$400/yr increase for the average household) is outrageous.

I'm particularly concerned for seniors that live on a fixed income, as well as minimum-wage workers. They will be most impacted by such a significant increase. The cost of living is already very high in Ontario, and wage increases are not keeping up.

We should not have to pay for Enbridge's poor forecasting of natural gas demand this past winter. There have been many abnormally warm winters the past few years where the demand for gas has been far lower than this year. During those years, consumers never saw a reduction in rates, which resulted in record profits for Enbridge. While it is understandable that rates do need to increase reasonably from time to time, the proposed hike increase by Enbridge is excessive.

The Ontario Energy Board has the power to say "No" to this corporation that is trying to take advantage of the average working-class citizen. Please force Enbridge to be accountable and plan better for the future.

Thank you,  
A. Hatt