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To: BoardSec
Subject: Completely Opposed and Offended by Enbridge's request to increase energy rates by 40%

Dear Ontario Energy Board,

As one of your constituents I am writing this email to let you know how opposed and offended I am at the proposed 40% increase to energy rates being requested by Enbridge. I am a hard-working citizen, business owner and tax payer and would urge you to vehemently deny Enbridge's request.

They claim it is due to a "shortage" of natural gas, cause by our "extremely cold" winter. They may also claim that this is a short-term increase. I propose that they just absorb their own losses in revenues like I do when I have a sub-standard year and work hard to cut spending internally to make up the shortfall. If I increased my prices every time my profits didn't look the way I wanted them to, I wouldn't have any customers left. I just cut back on bonuses and raises and continue to service my clients with excellence. We did not get any rate reductions over the past several years when we've had exceptionally mild winters. Why should we have a rate increase for our one "extremely cold" winter?

The 6 (almost 7) voters in my household will be watching this news carefully.

An increase of 40% for energy will put our business in a very difficult financial position. Small businesses are just as important as big business for the health and well-being of our economy. A yes to this increase will be extremely detrimental to the health of our economy and will cause many families, who are already struggling to make ends meet to suffer undue hardship. In my humble opinion, Enbridge should find another way to increase their profitability this year and not take their lower than average profits out on the backs of hard-working Canadians.

Thank you for your time.

Thanks and have a **GREEN** Day!!!

Rachel Panico



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