



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

2013 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Board File No. EB-2014-0195

October 15, 2014

Introduction

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. has filed a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") dated October 10, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board concerning its application for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral or variance accounts. The application is being processed under Board file no. EB-2014-0195. The Settlement Agreement, filed at Exhibit N1, Tab 1, Schedule 1, indicates a complete settlement of the issues among all participating parties at the settlement conference held on October 2, 2014. Attached to the Settlement Agreement is Schedule 1 listing the balances in each account as agreed to by the parties and Schedule 2 which lists the unit rates by rate class for the clearance of the balances in April 2015.

Submission

Board staff has reviewed the Settlement Agreement in the context of the applicable Board policies, relevant Board decisions, and the Board's statutory obligations. Board staff submits that the Board's acceptance of the Settlement Agreement would adequately reflect the public interest and would result in just and reasonable rates for customers.

Board staff is also of the view that the explanation and rationale accompanying the Settlement Agreement is sufficient to support its acceptance by the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.