



**EB-2014-0276**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas commencing January 1, 2015.

### **INTERIM RATE ORDER**

**December 15, 2014**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an application dated November 28, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998* for an order or orders approving rates commencing January 1, 2015 (the "Application"). The Board assigned file number EB-2014-0276 to the Application.

The Application included a request to have the existing rates declared interim as of January 1, 2015 and the Rider D rates (the refund of the Site Restoration Cost ("SRC refund") reserve) implemented as of January 1, 2015.

The Application indicated that the declaration of interim rates is needed because a final rate order pertaining to 2015 is not expected before December 31, 2014 and that there is also a need to facilitate the processing of Enbridge's January 1, 2015 quarterly rate adjustment mechanism.

With respect to Rider D rates, as part of its July 17, 2014 Decision with Reasons in the matter of Enbridge's Custom Incentive Regulation Plan, in proceeding EB-2012-0459, the Board approved a SRC refund of \$379.8 million to be credited to customers in annual instalments over the 5 year period 2014 to 2018. In the same proceeding, the Board approved a deferral account (the "Constant Dollar Net Salvage Value Adjustment Deferral Account") to enable a true-up of the SRC refund so that precisely the Board-approved SRC refund amount is cleared to customers.

Enbridge customers have been receiving a monthly credit through Rider D since October 2014 when the SRC refund was first implemented. That credit relates to the 2014 SRC refund and is set to expire on December 31, 2014. In connection with the request for interim rates beginning January 1, 2015, Enbridge requested that the Board approve the implementation of a new Rider D commencing on January 1, 2015 to allow for a SRC refund of \$90.4 million spread over the year. Enbridge indicated that expeditious approval of the applied-for 2015 Rider D rates will allow the timely implementation of the 2015 instalment of the SRC refund and allow the SRC refund to continue uninterrupted as a credit on customer's bills throughout the current winter heating season when gas consumption is highest.

Enbridge's request regarding making existing rates interim effective January 1, 2015 is granted.

With respect to the request for Rider D rates, given the consumer benefits associated with the timely implementation of the 2015 instalment of the SRC refund by way of Rider D, the applied-for Rider D rates will be made interim effective January 1, 2015.

The declaration of existing rates and the applied-for Rider D rates as interim is made without prejudice to and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever of the Board's final determination on either the final rates or the final Rider D amounts in this proceeding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Effective January 1, 2015, Enbridge's existing rates shall be interim pending final resolution of the matters before the Board in this proceeding.

2. Effective January 1, 2015, Enbridge's proposed 2015 Rider D rates shall be interim pending final resolution of the matters before the Board in this proceeding. The interim Rider D rates are attached as Appendix A.

**DATED** at Toronto December 15, 2014

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj**

*Original Signed By*

Kristi Sebalj  
Registrar

**APPENDIX A**

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.**

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**Interim Rate Order**

**Rider D**

**Dated: December 15, 2014**

RIDER:	D	<b>SITE RESTORATION COST CLEARANCE</b>
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The following adjustment is applicable to volumes during the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

**Bundled Services**

Rate Class	<u>( ¢/m<sup>3</sup> )</u>
Rate 1	(1.4058)
Rate 6	(0.4754)
Rate 9	(0.2023)
Rate 100	(0.4754)
Rate 110	(0.1434)
Rate 115	(0.0815)
Rate 135	(0.0138)
Rate 145	(0.1067)
Rate 170	(0.0336)
Rate 200	(0.0822)

**Unbundled Services**

Rate Class	<u>( ¢/m<sup>3</sup> )</u>
Rate 125 - per m <sup>3</sup> of contract demand	(0.7986)
Rate 300 - per m <sup>3</sup> of contract demand	(3.1701)
Rate 300 (Interruptible)	(0.0919)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015	IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 1, 2015	BOARD ORDER: EB-2014-0276	REPLACING RATE EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2014	Page 1 of 1 Handbook 55
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