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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Re: Board file number EB-2015-0179

This application requests leave to allow Union Gas to charge existing customers up to \$24 per year to pay for expansion. I do not believe this is fair to current consumers in any way. If the expansion into the proposed areas is not financially viable, then the expansion should not take place. If the justification for delivering natural gas to remote communities is humanitarian in nature, then the funding should be sought from the appropriate levels of government. Consumers should not be forced to fund an expansion that is known to not be profitable. This sort of business practice is monopolistic and it is a form of privatized taxation. Allowing this to happen sets a precedent for other utility providers to also implement a private tax system whereby the existing customers pay for unprofitable expansion.

As a user of natural gas, I do not have options regarding who I have deliver this product to my residence. I am able to select a supplier if I wish to opt into one of various "locked in rate" plans, however the delivery service is now and will continue to be Union Gas. This lack of option means that should be plan be approved, I am forced to pay this private tax. I can not, as in other sectors, select another provider (ie. internet service, mobile telephone, television).

Put simply, this application would allow utility companies to privately tax their users. This is just plain wrong.

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