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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

The distribution of natural gas is provided by private companies, not government utilities. Companies will expand gas networks when it makes economical sense!

If the government decides to make payments to private companies to expand natural gas distribution to communities, they set a precedent! Who will decide what communities get government subsidies in the future? These decisions will become very politicized! Who decides how much money the government will spend to expand natural gas distribution for each community? What will stop all communities in Ontario from expecting that the government will pay for natural gas distribution?

Once an uneconomical gas distribution network is in place, consumers will have to pay more money to sustain it. Consumers in Ontario are already paying some of the highest electricity bills in North America, because of misguided politicized decisions. Consumers do NOT need increases in their natural gas bills, and Ontario residents do NOT need more taxes!

The government should NOT subsidize private companies, especially in such a politically sensitive area as natural gas distribution.

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