## Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2017-0102

### **ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.**

Application for the disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral and variance accounts and approval of the earnings sharing amount

**BEFORE:** Allison Duff

**Presiding Member** 

**Lynne Anderson** 

Member

Michael Janigan

Member

#### 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) is a major natural gas distribution company, serving about 2.1 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Greater Toronto Area, the Niagara region, and the eastern Ontario region, including Ottawa.

Enbridge filed an application dated May 9, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B)* for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts. The application also includes a request for approval to share earnings with ratepayers in accordance with the 2014-2018 Custom Incentive Regulation plan framework<sup>1</sup> (Custom IR Framework).

Generally, deferral accounts capture amounts not included in existing OEB-approved rates while variance accounts record the difference between estimated and actual amounts for certain types of costs and revenues.<sup>2</sup> The deferral accounts that are the subject of this application are the accounts that are not cleared through the OEB's Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) process.

A settlement conference was held on July 26, 27 and 28, 2017. Enbridge filed a settlement proposal on August 11, 2017 (revised August 15, 2017), which reflects full settlement on all of the issues in the proceeding.

Based on the settlement proposal, the deferral account balances total to a \$33.955 million debit to be collected from ratepayers (including interest).<sup>3</sup> This represents a decrease from the cumulative total debit balance of \$42.183 million (including interest) as originally filed in Enbridge's application.<sup>4</sup>

Enbridge proposed to dispose of the deferral account balances in two equal billing adjustments in October and November 2017. The billing adjustments are based on each customer's actual 2016 consumption volume.<sup>5</sup>

The OEB approves the revised settlement proposal filed on August 15, 2017 attached as Schedule C to this Decision and Rate Order<sup>6</sup>. As a result of this Decision and Rate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2012-0459.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For simplicity, deferral and variance accounts are referred to as "deferral accounts" for the remainder of this Decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The \$33.955 million debit amount includes the disposition of the 2016 earnings sharing amount (\$3.427 million credit including interest).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EB-2017-0102, Settlement Proposal, Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> EB-2017-0102, Exhibit C, Tab 2, Schedule 1, p. 1.

Order, the bill impact for a typical residential customer is a charge of \$4.10 in each of October and November 2017. The bill impact for a typical commercial customer is a charge of \$55.00 in each of October and November 2017.7

<sup>6</sup> Note that Appendix A and Appendix B to the settlement proposal are not shown in Schedule C and instead are considered Schedule A and Schedule B to the Decision and Rate Order. <sup>7</sup> EB-2017-0102, Settlement Proposal, Appendix B.

#### 2 PROCESS

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on May 25, 2017. Enbridge served the Notice as directed by the OEB. The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
- Union Gas Limited
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

A settlement conference was held on July 26, 27 and 28, 2017.

On August 11, 2017 (revised August 15, 2017), Enbridge filed the settlement proposal resulting from the settlement conference, which reflects full settlement on all the issues in the proceeding. Enbridge attached the pre-filed and settled deferral account balances as Appendix A to the settlement proposal. Enbridge also attached the proposed unit rates associated with the clearance of the deferral and variance account balances as Appendix B to the settlement proposal (the draft rate order).

OEB staff participated in the settlement conference. OEB staff also filed a submission that supported the settlement proposal and the draft rate order.

#### 3 DECISION

#### 3.1 Settlement Proposal

As indicated above, Enbridge and the intervenors were able to settle all of the issues in the proceeding.

OEB staff submitted that the settlement proposal appropriately reflects Enbridge's 2014-2018 Custom IR Framework<sup>8</sup>, other relevant decisions and applicable policies of the OEB. OEB staff also submitted that the OEB's approval of the settlement proposal is in the public interest.9

Enbridge included a draft rate order as Appendix B to the settlement proposal. OEB staff submitted that the unit rates associated with the clearance of the deferral account balances, which are used to determine the bill adjustments for each of October and November 2017, have been calculated appropriately. 10

#### **Findings**

The OEB approves the settlement proposal as filed. The OEB finds Enbridge's deferral account balances (including the applicable interest to September 30, 2017), as set out in columns 5 and 6 of Appendix A to the settlement proposal, are appropriate for recovery and approves disposition on a final basis.

As part of the settlement proposal, Enbridge and the intervenors agreed that Enbridge will file, as part of its 2018 Rate Adjustment Application, incremental evidence explaining the actions that it has taken to address unaccounted for gas (UAF) that may be associated with metering differences at gate stations (as described in response to BOMA 21). 11 The OEB notes that the OEB panel adjudicating the 2018 Rate Adjustment Application will determine whether this incremental evidence is in scope for that proceeding.

The OEB also approves the draft rate order as filed. The OEB finds that the draft rate order accurately reflects the settlement proposal and that the unit rates associated with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> EB-2012-0459.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EB-2017-0102, OEB Staff Submission, p. 1. <sup>10</sup> EB-2017-0102, OEB Staff Submission, p. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> EB-2017-0102, Settlement Proposal, p. 14.

the clearance of the deferral account balances set out in Appendix B to the settlement proposal have been calculated appropriately.

The OEB orders that the billing adjustments resulting from this Decision and Rate Order shall be implemented in October and November 2017 as proposed by Enbridge.

The OEB has made provision for a cost award process for intervenors. The OEB will issue a cost award decision after the steps set out in the Order are complete.

#### 4 ORDER

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The cumulative deferral account balance of \$33.955 million (including interest to September 30, 2017), as set out in columns 5 and 6 of Schedule A, is approved for recovery from customers.
- 2. The unit rates set out in Schedule B associated with the clearance of the deferral account balances are approved for use in determining the equal billing adjustments that will be applied in October 2017 and November 2017. Enbridge shall implement these billing adjustments in connection with its October 1, 2017 QRAM application.
- 3. Intervenors eligible for cost awards shall file their cost claims with the OEB, and forward to Enbridge by **September 19, 2017**. Cost claims must be prepared in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.
- 4. Enbridge shall file with the OEB, and forward to intervenors, any objections to the claimed costs by **October 3, 2017**.
- 5. Intervenors shall file with the OEB, and forward to Enbridge, any responses to any objections for cost claims by **October 10, 2017**.
- 6. Enbridge shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2017-0102** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="https://www.oeb.ca/industry">https://www.oeb.ca/industry</a>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

#### **ADDRESS**

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**DATED** at Toronto, August 31, 2017

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. EB-2017-0102 AUGUST 31, 2017 DEFERRAL ACCOUNT BALANCES

#### ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. DEFERRAL & VARIANCE ACCOUNT ACTUAL & FORECAST BALANCES

			Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3 As Fil Forecast for c		Col. 5 Settlement A Forecast for cl	
			March 31.		October 1		October 1	
Line		Account						
No.	Account Description	Acronym	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
			(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000\$)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)
	Non Commodity Related Accounts							
1.	Demand Side Management V/A	2015 DSMVA	825.5	13.4	825.5	18.2	-	_ 1
2.	Demand Side Management V/A	2016 DSMVA	(704.0)	(1.9)	-	-	-	_ 2
3.	Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism	2015 LRAM	(72.3)	(0.2)	(72.3)	(0.8)	-	_ 1
4.	Demand Side Management Incentive D/A	2015 DSMIDA	6,068.6	22.3	6,068.6	55.9	-	- 1
5.	Deferred Rebate Account	2016 DRA	7,712.2	62.5	7,712.2	105.1	7,712.2	105.1 <sup>3</sup>
6.	Manufactured Gas Plant D/A	2017 MGPDA	570.4	41.1	· -	-		- 4
7.	Gas Distribution Access Rule Impact D/A	2016 GDARIDA	-	-	280.3	-	280.3	- 5
8.	Average Use True-Up V/A	2016 AUTUVA	13,152.5	36.2	13,152.5	108.8	13,152.5	108.8 <sup>6</sup>
9.	Earnings Sharing Mechanism Deferral Account	2016 ESMDA	(3,400.0)	(8.8)	(3,400.0)	(27.4)	(3,400.0)	(27.4) 7
10.	Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing D/A	2016 CCCISRSDA	(779.9)	(8.1)		(14.1)		(14.1) 8
11.	Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing D/A	2015 CCCISRSDA	1,124.2	8.3	-	16.7	-	16.7 <sup>8</sup>
12.	Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing D/A	2014 CCCISRSDA	2,927.0	21.5	-	43.1	-	43.1 8
13.	Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing D/A	2013 CCCISRSDA	4,634.9	34.1	_	68.3	-	68.3 <sup>8</sup>
14.	Transition Impact of Accounting Changes D/A	2017 TIACDA	70,972.8	-	4,435.8	-	4,435.8	- 9
15.	Post-Retirement True-Up V/A	2016 PTUVA	(9,660.7)	(26.6)	(5,000.0)	(80.0)	(5,000.0)	(80.0) 10
16.	Constant Dollar Net Salvage Adjustment D/A	2017 CDNSADA	37,853.9	` - ´	-	` - ′		- 11
17.	Credit Final Bill D/A	2016 CFBDA	(1,524.4)	(4.2)	(1,524.4)	(12.6)	(2,004.4)	(13.0) 12
18.	GTA Incremental Transmission Capital Rev. Re		4,281.4	30.0	4,281.4	53.4	4,281.4	53.4 <sup>13</sup>
19.	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact D/A	2016 GGEIDA	939.8	6.9	840.3	12.3	-	- 14
20.	Rate 332 D/A	2016 R332DA	(1,651.6)	(5.0)	(1,651.6)	(14.0)	(1,651.6)	(14.0) 15
21.	OEB Cost Assessment V/A	2016 OEBCAVA	1,928.0	5.3	1,928.0	16.1	1,928.0	16.1
22.	Total non commodity Related Accounts	_	135,198.3	226.8	27,876.3	349.0	19,734.2	263.0
	Commodity Related Accounts							
23.	Transactional Services D/A	2016 TSDA	(4,036.3)	(12.8)	(4,036.3)	(35.0)	(4,036.3)	(35.0) 17
24.	Storage and Transportation D/A	2016 S&TDA	9,618.3	80.3	9,618.3	133.1	9,618.3	133.1
25.	Unaccounted for Gas V/A	2016 UAFVA	7,921.4	26.9	7,921.4	70.7	7,921.4	70.7 18
26.	Unabsorbed Demand Cost D/A	2016 UDCDA	282.8	1.0	282.8	2.8	282.8	2.8 <sup>19</sup>
20.	Graboorbed Bornaria Goot B//		202.0		202.0		202.0	
27.	Total commodity related accounts	_	13,786.2	95.4	13,786.2	171.6	13,786.2	171.6
28.	Total Deferral and Variance Accounts		148,984.5	322.2	41,662.5	520.6	33,520.4	434.6

#### Notes:

- The final 2015 DSMVA, LRAM, and DSMIDA balances to be cleared will be those determined through the on-going Board review process
  of 2015 DSM results.
- 2. Clearance of the 2016 DSMVA will be requested through a separate process/application at a later date.
- 3. DRA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 8.
- Clearance of the balance that was recorded in 2016 MGPDA is not being requested at this time. As was indicated in the EB-2016-0215
  proceeding, the balance in the 2016 MGPDA was transferred to the 2017 MGPDA.
- 5. The clearance amount associated with the 2016 GDARIDA is the result of a revenue requirement calculation found in evidence at Exhibit C, Tab 1. Schedule 7.
- 6. AUTUVA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 5.
- 7. Evidence within the B-series of exhibits provides details of Enbridge's 2016 utility results and 2016 earnings sharing calculation.
- 8. CCCISRSDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 10.
- 9. TIACDA evidence is found at Exhibit C. Tab 1. Schedule 9.
- 10. PTUVA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 6.
- 11. Clearance of the balance that was recorded in 2016 CDNSADA is not being requested at this time. In accordance with the scope of the account that was approved in EB-2012-0459, and as was also indicated in EB-2016-0215, the balance was transferred to the 2017 CDNSADA. The cumulative balance at the end of each year will be transferred to the following year's CDNSADA. At the end of 2018, any residual balance will be requested for clearance in a post 2018 true-up.
- 12. CFBDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 12.
- 13. GTAITCRRDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 14.
- 14. GGEIDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 11.
- 15. R332DA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 15.
- 16. OEBCAVA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 13.
- 17. TSDA and S&TDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 3.
- 18. UAFVA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 4.
- 19. UDCDA evidence is found at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 2.

# SCHEDULE B DECISION AND RATE ORDER ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

EB-2017-0102

**AUGUST 31, 2017** 

UNIT RATES FOR CLEARANCE OF DEFERRAL ACCOUNT BALANCES

#### UNIT RATE AND TYPE OF SERVICE: CLEARING IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2017

		COL.1	COL. 2 October	COL. 3 November
		Unit Rate (¢/m³)	Unit Rate	Unit Rate
Bundled Serv	ices:			
RATE1	- SYSTEM SALES	0.3453	0.1727	0.1727
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.3728	0.1864	0.1864
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.3453	0.1727	0.1727
RATE 6	- SYSTEM SALES	0.2522	0.1261	0.1261
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.2796	0.1398	0.1398
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.2522	0.1261	0.1261
RATE 9	- SYSTEM SALES	(0.7313)	(0.3656)	(0.3656)
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
RATE 100	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1587	0.0794	0.0794
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1587	0.0794	0.0794
RATE 110	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1104	0.0552	0.0552
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1379	0.0689	0.0689
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1104	0.0552	0.0552
RATE 115	- SYSTEM SALES	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1290	0.0645	0.0645
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1015	0.0508	0.0508
RATE 135	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1003	0.0501	0.0501
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1278	0.0639	0.0639
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1003	0.0501	0.0501
RATE 145	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1080	0.0540	0.0540
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1354	0.0677	0.0677
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1080	0.0540	0.0540
RATE 170	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1079	0.0540	0.0540
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1354	0.0677	0.0677
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1079	0.0540	0.0540
RATE 200	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1558	0.0779	0.0779
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1833	0.0916	0.0916
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1558	0.0779	0.0779
Unbundled Se	ervices:			
RATE 125	- All	(0.2309)	(0.1155)	(0.1155)
	- Customer-specific (\$)	\$0		
RATE 300	- All	(5.0354)	(2.5177)	(2.5177)
RATE 332	- All	13.6149	6.8074	6.8074

# DETERMINATION OF BALANCES TO BE CLEARED FROM THE 2016 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

		COL. 1	COL. 2	COL. 3
ITEM NO.		PRINCIPAL For CLEARING	INTEREST	TOTAL For CLEARING
		(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
4	TRANSA OTIONAL OFFICIAL OF	(4.020.2)	(25.0)	(4.074.2)
1.	TRANSACTIONAL SERVICES D/A	(4,036.3)	(35.0)	(4,071.3)
2.	UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS V/A	7,921.4	70.7	7,992.1
3.	STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION D/A	9,618.3	133.1	9,751.4
4.	DEFERRED REBATE ACCOUNT	7,712.2	105.1	7,817.3
5.	DEM AND SIDE MANAGEMENT 2015	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.	LOST REVENUE ADJ MECHANISM 2015	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.	DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE 2015	0.0	0.0	0.0
8.	RATE 332 VARIANCE ACCOUNT	(1,651.6)	(14.0)	(1,665.6)
9.	CREDIT FINAL BILL D/A	(2,004.4)	(13.0)	(2,017.4)
10.	GTA INCREMNTL TRANSMISSIONAL CAPITAL RR D/A	4,281.4	53.4	4,334.8
11.	OEB COST ASSESSMENT VARIANCE ACCOUNT	1,928.0	16.1	1,944.1
12.	GAS DISTRIBUTION ACCESS RULE D/A 2016	280.3	0.0	280.3
13.	AVERAGE USE TRUE-UP V/A	13,152.5	108.8	13,261.3
14.	POST-RETIREMENT TRUE-UP V/A	(5,000.0)	(80.0)	(5,080.0)
15.	2016 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A		(14.1)	(14.1)
16.	2015 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A		16.7	16.7
17.	2014 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A		43.1	43.1
18.	2013 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A		68.3	68.3
19.	GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IM PACT D/A	0.0	0.0	0.0
20.	UNABSORBED DEMAND COST D/A	282.8	2.8	285.6
21.	DESIGN DAY CRITERIA TRANSPORTATION D/A	0.0	0.0	0.0
22.	TRANSITION IMPACT OF ACCT CHANGE D/A	4,435.8	0.0	4,435.8
23.	EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM	(3,400.0)	(27.4)	(3,427.4)
	TOTAL	33,520.4	434.6	33,955.0

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	COL.1	COL. 2	COL. 3	COL. 4	COL. 5	COL. 6	COL. 7 DISTRIBUTION	COL. 8	COL. 9	COL. 10
ПЕМ <u>NO.</u>	TOTAL	SALES AND WBT	TOTAL SALES	TOTAL DELIVERIES	SPACE	DELIVE- RABILITY	REV REQ (DRR)	DIRECT	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	RATE BASE
NO.	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
CLASSIFICATION										
PGVA: 1.1 COMMODITY	0.0		0.0							
1.2 SEASONAL PEAKING-LOAD BALANCING	0.0		0.0			0.0				
1.3 SEASONAL DISCRETIONARY-LOAD BALANCING	0.0				0.0					
1.4 TRANSPORTATION TOLLS	0.0	0.0								
1.5 CURTAILMENT REVENUE	0.0					0.0		0.0		
1.6 RIDER C 2009 DIRECT ALLOCATION	0.0							0.0		
1.7 INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT	0.0									
1.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRANSACTIONAL SERVICES D/A	(4,071.3)	(2,359.8)			(538.3)	(1,173.3)				
2. UNA CCOUNTED FOR GAS V/A	7,992.1			7,992.1						
STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION D/A	9,751.4				3,066.7	6,684.7				
DEFERRED REBATE ACCOUNT	7,817.3			7,817.3						
5. DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT 2015	0.0							0.0		
LOST REVENUE ADJ MECHANISM 2015	0.0							0.0		
7. DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE 2015	0.0							0.0		
8. RATE 332 VARIANCE ACCOUNT	(1,665.6)			(1,665.6)					0.0	
9. CREDIT FINAL BILL D/A	(2,017.4)							(2,017.4)		
10. GTA INCREMNTL TRANSMISSIONAL CAPITAL RR D/A	4,334.8							4,334.8		
11. OEB COST ASSESSMENT VARIANCE ACCOUNT	1,944.1									1,944.1
12. GAS DISTRIBUTION ACCESS RULE D/A 2016	280.3								280.3	
13. AVERAGE USE TRUE-UP V/A	13,261.3							13,261.3		
14. POST-RETIREMENT TRUE-UP V/A	(5,080.0)									(5,080.0)
15. 2016 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A	(14.1)								(14.1)	
16. 2015 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A	16.7								16.7	
17. 2014 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A	43.1								43.1	
<ul><li>18. 2013 CUSTOMER CARE CIS RATE SMOOTHING D/A</li><li>19. GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT D/A</li></ul>	68.3 0.0			0.0					68.3 0.0	
20. UNA BSORBED DEMAND COST D/A	285.6					285.6				
21. DESIGN DAY CRITERIA TRANSPORTATION D/A	0.0					0.0				
22. TRANSITION IMPACT OF ACCT CHANGE D/A	4,435.8						0.0			4,435.8
23. EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM	(3,427.4)						0.0			(3,427.4)
TOTAL	33,955.0	(2,359.8)	0.0	14,143.8	2,528.5	5,797.0	0.0	15,578.7	394.3	(2,127.5)
ALLOCATION										
1.1 RATE 1	15,601.7	(1,198.2)	0.0	5,844.6	1,226.1	3,193.4	0.0	7,604.0	363.7	(1,431.9)
1.2 RATE 6	11,573.5	(978.3)	0.0	5,821.2	1,186.4	2,491.7	0.0	3,639.9	30.6	(618.0)
1.3 RATE 9	(1.2)	(0.0)	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.4)
1.4 RATE 100	5.1	(0.9)	0.0	4.2	0.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.4)
1.5 RATE 110 1.6 RATE 115	1,053.3 635.8	(87.7) (6.0)	0.0	1,073.3 645.3	46.7 0.1	46.6 9.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	(25.6) (12.6)
1.7 RATE 125	(22.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(22.9)
1.8 RATE 135	71.8	(10.8)	0.0	83.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.3)
1.9 RATE 145	58.1	(3.8)	0.0	59.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.9)
1.10 RATE 170 1.11 RATE 200	380.4 265.4	(28.7)	0.0	391.9	21.1 42.0	0.0 54.5	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	(3.9)
1.11 RATE 200 1.12 RATE 300	(0.8)	(45.5) 0.0	0.0	220.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(5.7) (0.8)
1.13 RATE 332	4,334.8							4,334.8		
1.	33,955.0	(2,359.8)	0.0	14,143.8	2,528.5	5,797.0	0.0	15,578.7	394.3	(2,127.5)

#### ALLOCATION BY TYPE OF SERVICE

		COL.1	COL. 2	COL. 3	COL. 4	COL. 5	COL. 6	COL. 7	COL. 8	COL. 9	COL. 10
		TOTAL	SALES AND WBT	TOTAL SALES	TOTAL DELIVERIES	SPACE	DELIVE- RABILITY	DISTRIBUTION REV REQ (DRR)	DIRECT	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	RATE BASE
		(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
Bundled Services:	0.407774.044.50	445544	(4.457.7)		5 400 0	4.440.7	0.000.0	0.0	7.44.7	040.4	(4.000.0)
RATE1	- SYSTEM SALES - BUY/SELL	14,554.4 0.0	(1,157.7) 0.0	0.0 0.0	5,466.2 0.0	1,146.7 0.0	2,986.6 0.0	0.0	7,111.7 0.0	340.1 0.0	(1,339.2) 0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	538.8			187.5	39.3	102.4	0.0	243.9	11.7	(45.9)
RATE 6	- WBT - SYSTEM SALES	508.4 6,515.1	(40.4) (709.7)	0.0	190.9 3,350.7	40.1 682.9	104.3 1,434.2	0.0 0.0	248.4 2,095.1	11.9 17.6	(46.8) (355.7)
RAIEO	- BUY/SELL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,095.1	0.0	0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	2,592.5			1,202.3	245.0	514.7	0.0	751.8	6.3	(127.6)
	- WBT	2,465.9	(268.6)		1,268.2	258.5	542.8	0.0	793.0	6.7	(134.6)
RATE9	- SYSTEM SALES - BUY/SELL	(1.2) 0.0	(0.0) 0.0	0.0	0.2 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	(1.4) 0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- WBT	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RATE 100	- SYSTEM SALES	2.3	(0.4)	0.0	1.9	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.2)
	- BUY/SELL - T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0
	- WBT	2.8	(0.5)		2.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.2)
RATE 110	- SYSTEM SALES	52.9	(13.1)	0.0	62.1	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.5)
	- BUY/SELL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT - WBT	700.8 299.6	(74.5)		659.2 352.0	28.7 15.3	28.6 15.3	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	(15.7) (8.4)
RATE 115	- SYSTEM SALES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- BUY/SELL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	613.6			616.9	0.1	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	(12.0)
RATE 135	- WBT - SYSTEM SALES	22.3 1.2	(6.0) (0.3)	0.0	28.4 1.6	0.0	0.4 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	(0.6) (0.0)
KATE 133	- BUY/SELL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	32.4			32.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.5)
	- WBT	38.2	(10.5)		49.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.7)
RATE 145	- SYSTEM SALES	8.9	(2.3)	0.0	10.6	1.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.5)
	- BUY/SELL - T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	0.0 43.4	0.0	0.0	0.0 41.6	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0 (2.1)
	- WBT	5.9	(1.5)		7.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.3)
RATE 170	- SYSTEM SALES	35.2	(9.0)	0.0	42.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.4)
	- BUY/SELL - T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	0.0 267.8	0.0	0.0	0.0 256.5	0.0 13.8	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (2.6)
	- WBT	77.5	(19.7)		93.1	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.9)
RATE 200	- SYSTEM SALES	203.2	(35.8)	0.0	169.1	32.3	41.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	(4.4)
	- BUY/SELL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	- T-SERVICE EXCL WBT	7.6			5.4	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
	- WBT	54.7	(9.6)		45.5	8.7	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.2)
Unbundled Services:											
RATE 125		(22.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(22.9)
RATE 300		(0.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(8.0)
RATE 332		4,334.8							4,334.8		
	•	33,955.0	(2,359.8)	0.0	14,143.8	2,528.5	5,797.0	0.0	15,578.7	394.3	(2,127.5)

#### UNIT RATE AND TYPE OF SERVICE

		COL.1	COL. 2	COL. 3	COL. 4	COL. 5	COL. 6	COL. 7	COL. 8	COL. 9	COL. 10	COL. 11
								DISTRIBUTION				
			SALES	TOTAL	TOTAL		DELIVE-	REV REQ		NUMBER OF	RATE	NUMBER OF
		TOTAL	AND WBT	SALES	DELIVERIES	SPACE	RABILITY	(DRR)	DIRECT	CUSTOMERS	BASE	CUSTOMERS
		(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(¢/m³)	(\$000/user)
Bundled Se	ervices:											
RATE 1	- SYSTEM SALES	0.3453	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0272	0.0709	0.0000	0.1687	0.0081	(0.0318)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.3728			0.1297	0.0272	0.0709	0.0000	0.1687	0.0081	(0.0318)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.3453	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0272	0.0709	0.0000	0.1687	0.0081	(0.0318)	0.0000
RATE 6	- SYSTEM SALES	0.2522	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0264	0.0555	0.0000	0.0811	0.0007	(0.0138)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.2796			0.1297	0.0264	0.0555	0.0000	0.0811	0.0007	(0.0138)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.2522	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0264	0.0555	0.0000	0.0811	0.0007	(0.0138)	0.0000
RATE9	- SYSTEM SALES	(0.7313)	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0000	0.0027	0.0000	0.0000	0.0007	(0.8368)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
DATE 400	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
RATE 100	- SYSTEM SALES - BUY/SELL	0.1587 0.0000	(0.0275) 0.0000	0.0000	0.1297 0.0000	0.0148 0.0000	0.0555 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0138) 0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1587	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0148	0.0555	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0138)	0.0000
RATE 110	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1104	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0056	0.0056	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0031)	0.0000
IGNIETIO	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1379			0.1297	0.0056	0.0056	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0031)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1104	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0056	0.0056	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0031)	0.0000
RATE 115	- SYSTEM SALES	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1290			0.1297	0.0000	0.0018	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.0000
	<ul> <li>WESTERN T-SERVICE</li> </ul>	0.1015	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0000	0.0018	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.0000
RATE 135	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1003	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0019)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1278	/a aa==:		0.1297	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0019)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1003	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0019)	0.0000
RATE 145	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1080	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0121	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0064)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL - ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.0000 0.1354	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000 0.1297	0.0000 0.0121	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000 (0.0064)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1354	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0121	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0064)	0.0000
RATE 170	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1000	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0070	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0013)	0.0000
IVATE 170	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1354	0.0000	0.0000	0.1297	0.0070	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0013)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1079	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0070	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0013)	0.0000
RATE 200	- SYSTEM SALES	0.1558	(0.0275)	0.0000	0.1297	0.0248	0.0321	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0033)	0.0000
	- BUY/SELL	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	- ONTARIO T-SERVICE	0.1833			0.1297	0.0248	0.0321	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0033)	0.0000
	- WESTERN T-SERVICE	0.1558	(0.0275)		0.1297	0.0248	0.0321	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.0033)	0.0000
Unbundled												
RATE 125	- All	(0.2309)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(0.2309)	0.0000
D.T.	- Customer-specific **	(F.00F.1)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	(F.00F."	0.0000
RATE 300	- All - Customer-specific **	(5.0354)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	(5.0354)	0.0000
RATE 332	- All	13.61	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	13.61	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Notes:												

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\* Unit Rates derived based on 2016 actual volumes

#### **Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** 2016 Deferral and Variance Account Clearing

#### Bill Adjustment in October and November 2017 for Typical Customers

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				Unit Rates		_	E	Bill Adjustme	nt
	GENERAL SERVICE	Annual Volume m3	<u>Sales</u> cents/m3	Ontario TS cents/m3	Western TS cents/m3	•	Sales Customers \$	Ontario TS Customers \$	Western TS Customers \$
1.1 1.2	RATE 1 RESIDENTIAL Heating & Water Heating	2,400	0.1727	0.1864	0.1727		4.1	4.5	4.1
2.1 2.2	RATE 6 COMMERCIAL General Use	43,285	0.1261	0.1398	0.1261		55	61	55
	CONTRACT SERVICE								
3.1 3.2	RATE 100 Industrial - small size	339,188	0.0794	0.0000	0.0794		269	-	269
4.1 4.2	RATE 110 Industrial - small size, 50% LF	598,568	0.0552	0.0689	0.0552		330	413	330
4.5	Industrial - avg. size, 75% LF	9,976,121	0.0552	0.0689	0.0552		5,507	6,877	5,507
5.1 5.2	RATE 115 Industrial - small size, 80% LF	4,471,609	0.0000	0.0645	0.0508		-	2,884	2,270
6.1 6.2	RATE 135 Industrial - Seasonal Firm	598,567	0.0501	0.0639	0.0501		300	382	300
7.1 7.2	RATE 145 Commercial - avg. size	598,568	0.0540	0.0677	0.0540		323	405	323
8.1 8.2	RATE 170 Industrial - avg. size, 75% LF	9,976,121	0.0540	0.0677	0.0540		5,383	6,753	5,383

Notes:

Col. 6 = Col. 2 x Col. 3

Col. 7 = Col. 2 x Col. 4 Col. 8 = Col. 2 x Col. 5

# SCHEDULE C DECISION AND RATE ORDER ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

EB-2017-0102

**AUGUST 31, 2017** 

**APPROVED SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL** 

### **SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL**

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** 

2016 Earnings Sharing and Deferral and Variance Account Clearances

August 11, 2017

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#### **PREAMBLE**

This Settlement Proposal is filed with the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB" or the "Board") in connection with the application of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge" or the "Company"), for an order or orders approving the clearance or disposition of amounts recorded in certain Deferral or Variance Accounts.

On May 25, 2017, the OEB issued its Notice of Application and Direction Letter in this proceeding.

In Procedural Order No. 1, dated June 14, 2017, the Board established the process to address the application, up to and including a Settlement Conference.

In Procedural Order No. 2, dated June 29, 2017, the OEB indicated that it would defer consideration of the final disposition of Enbridge's 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Deferral Account (GGEIDA), but would consider whether the balance in that account should be disposed of on an interim basis in this proceeding.

A Settlement Conference was held on July 26, 27 and 28, 2017. Chris Haussmann acted as facilitator for the Settlement Conference. This Settlement Proposal arises from the Settlement Conference.

Enbridge and the following intervenors, as well as Ontario Energy Board technical staff ("OEB Staff"), participated in the Settlement Conference:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)

Building Owners and Managers Association – Greater Toronto (BOMA)

Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)

Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)

Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)

School Energy Coalition (SEC)

TransCanada PipeLines (TCPL)

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

The Settlement Proposal deals with all of the relief sought in this proceeding. There is no Issues List, but the parties have agreed that the issues to be addressed are: (i) the Deferral and Variance Accounts proposed for disposition within Appendix A to Enbridge's Application; and (ii) the appropriate unit rates and timing for implementation of the clearances of certain accounts. The first issue is addressed with reference to each of the Deferral and Variance Accounts for which clearance is requested, under items (a) to (s) of Issue 1.

All intervenors listed above participated in the Settlement Conference and subsequent discussions. OEB Staff is not a party to the Settlement Proposal. Although it is not a party to the Settlement Proposal, once the Settlement Proposal is filed, OEB Staff will file a submission commenting on two aspects of the settlement: whether the settlement represents an acceptable outcome from a public interest perspective, and whether the accompanying explanation and rationale is adequate to support the settlement. Also, as noted in the Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences, OEB Staff who participated in the Settlement Conference are bound by the same confidentiality and privilege rules that apply to the parties to the proceeding.

This document is called a "Settlement Proposal" because it is a proposal by the parties to the Board to settle the issues in this proceeding. It is termed a proposal as between the parties and the Board. However, as between the parties, and subject only to the Board's approval of this Settlement Proposal, this document is intended to be a legal agreement, creating mutual obligations, and is binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms. As set forth below, this Settlement Proposal is subject to a condition subsequent, that if it is not accepted by the Board in its entirety, then unless amended by the parties it is null and void and of no further effect. In entering into this agreement, the parties understand and agree that, pursuant to the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, the Board has exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the interpretation or enforcement of the terms hereof.

Enbridge and all intervenors listed above, except for TCPL, have agreed to the settlement of the issues as described on the following pages. TCPL has agreed to certain aspects of the settlement (as specifically identified in the following pages), but TCPL takes no position on any of the other issues listed in the Settlement Proposal. Any reference to "parties" in this Settlement Proposal is intended to refer to Enbridge and the intervenors listed above, taking into account that TCPL takes no position on any issue except as otherwise expressly identified below. The description of each issue assumes that all parties participated in the negotiation of the issue, unless specifically noted otherwise.

Best efforts have been made to identify all of the evidence that relates to each settled issue. The supporting evidence for each settled issue is identified individually by reference to its exhibit number in an abbreviated format; for example, Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1 is referred to as B-3-1. The identification and listing of the evidence that relates to each settled issue is provided to assist the Board.

The Settlement Proposal describes the agreements reached on the issues. The Settlement Proposal provides a direct link between each settled issue and the supporting evidence in the record to date. In this regard, the parties are of the view that the evidence provided is sufficient to support the Settlement Proposal in relation to the settled issues and, moreover, that the quality and detail of the supporting evidence, together with the corresponding rationale, will allow the Board to make findings agreeing with the proposed resolution of the settled issues.

None of the parties can withdraw from the Settlement Proposal except in accordance with Rule 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure*. Further, unless stated otherwise, a settlement of any particular issue in this proceeding is without prejudice to the positions parties might take with respect to the same issue in future proceedings, whether during the term of Enbridge's 2014 to 2018 Incentive Regulation plan, or thereafter.

The parties acknowledge that all data, documents or information provided and any discussions, including negotiations, admissions, concessions, offers and counter-offers occurring during the course of the Settlement Conference (settlement information), including subsequent related discussions, are privileged and confidential and without prejudice in accordance with (and subject to the exceptions set out in) the Board's *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences* (see pages 5-6 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences*, as Revised October 28, 2016).

It is fundamental to the agreement of the parties that none of the provisions of this Settlement Proposal are severable. If the Board does not accept the provisions of the Settlement Proposal in their entirety, there is no Settlement Proposal (unless the parties agree that any portion of the Settlement Proposal that the Board does accept may continue as a valid Settlement Proposal).

#### **OVERVIEW**

Enbridge's prefiled evidence details its 2016 Earnings Sharing Mechanism calculation, and the amount recorded in the 2016 Earnings Sharing Mechanism Deferral Account. The prefiled evidence also sets out and explains the other Deferral and Variance Account balances that Enbridge seeks to have cleared, along with several Deferral and Variance Account balances to be carried forward for review and approval in a future proceeding. The list of Deferral and Variance Accounts for which Enbridge has requested clearance was attached to the Application, and is reproduced at Appendix A to this Settlement Proposal (with a small number of changes, as noted below).

Through the Settlement Conference process, all parties have agreed that it is appropriate for Enbridge to clear the balances from the Deferral and Variance Accounts as set out and explained within the prefiled evidence and interrogatories, subject to three changes: (i) Enbridge will not clear the DSM-related accounts in this proceeding, as the final amounts are still subject to review in other proceedings; (ii) the principal balance in the 2016 Credit Final Bill Deferral Account (CFBDA) has been increased by \$480,000; and (iii) Enbridge will not clear the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Deferral Account (GGEIDA) in this proceeding.

All parties have agreed that it is appropriate that the balances in the relevant accounts be cleared over two months, in conjunction with Enbridge's October 1, 2017 QRAM proceeding.

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Details of the settlement are set out in the Issues section that follows.

#### THE ISSUES

# 1. Are the proposed balances for recovery / refund recorded in the following deferral and variance accounts appropriate?

The Deferral and Variance accounts for which Enbridge seeks clearance are set out in Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Appendix A, from Enbridge's prefiled evidence. A copy of that document (with the updates to reflect the three changes noted in the Overview above) is attached as Appendix A to this Settlement Proposal.

The parties have agreed to the clearance of each of the Deferral and Variance Account balances, and interest amounts, listed in Columns 5 and 6 of Appendix A. All parties have also agreed that the balances in the other accounts listed in Appendix A (those for which clearance is not requested at this time) will be carried forward for review and approval in a future proceeding.

Details of the agreements in relation to each of the relevant accounts are set out in the following sub-issues.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017 C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates I.A.EGDI.STAFF.1 Board Staff Interrogatory #1

#### (a) 2015 Demand Side Management Variance Account (2015 DSMVA)

As set out in response to Board Staff Interrogatory #3, the audit of Enbridge's 2015 DSM program is still underway, and there has been no final approval of the amount recorded in the 2015 DSMVA. All parties agree that the balance in the 2015 DSMVA should be carried forward to be cleared in a future proceeding after the final approval of the amount recorded in that account.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.3 OEB Staff Interrogatory #3

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#### (b) 2015 Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (2015 LRAM)

As set out in response to Board Staff Interrogatory #3, the audit of Enbridge's 2015 DSM program is still underway, and there has been no final approval of the amount recorded in the 2015 LRAM. All parties agree that the balance in the 2015 LRAM should be carried forward to be cleared in a future proceeding after the final approval of the amount recorded in that account.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.3 OEB Staff Interrogatory #3

#### (c) 2015 Demand Side Management Incentive Deferral Account (2015 DSMIDA)

As set out in response to Board Staff Interrogatory #3, the audit of Enbridge's 2015 DSM program is still underway, and there has been no final approval of the amount recorded in the 2015 DSMIDA. All parties agree that the balance in the 2015 LRAM should be carried forward to be cleared in a future proceeding after the final approval of the amount recorded in that account.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.3 OEB Staff Interrogatory #3

#### (d) 2016 Deferred Rebate Account (2016 DRA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 DRA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-8 2016 Deferred Rebate Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates I.C.EGDI.STAFF.10 OEB Staff Interrogatory #10

#### (e) 2016 Gas Distribution Access Rule Impact Deferral Account (2016 GDARIDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 GDARIDA, which is shown in Appendix A, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-7 2016 Gas Distribution Access Rule Impact Deferral Account
C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.CCC.8 CCC Interrogatory #8

#### (f) 2016 Average Use True-Up V/A (2016 AUTUVA)

All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 AUTUVA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

The AUTVA was first established in EB-2007-0615 and continued in Enbridge's current approved 5 year IR Plan.

The purpose of the AUTUVA (as set out in the Accounting Order establishing the account) is to record ("true-up") the revenue impact, exclusive of gas costs, of the difference between the forecast of average use per customer, for general service rate classes (Rate 1 and Rate 6), embedded in the volume forecast that underpins Rates 1 and 6 and the actual weather normalized average use experienced during the year. The calculation of the volume variance between forecast average use and actual normalized average use will exclude the volumetric impact of Demand Side Management programs in that year. The revenue impact will be calculated using a unit rate determined in the same manner as for the derivation of the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM), extended by the average use volume variance per customer and the number of customers.

While there are no unsettled issues with respect to the disposition of the 2016 AUTUVA balance, parties sought clarity on the derivation of the AUTUVA balance and on the average use forecast determined through the Board-approved average use models. Enbridge confirmed that the average use models are used to set the volume forecasts that are "trued-up" through the AUTUVA. The average use models are not used in the AUTUVA calculations.

In light of the foregoing, parties have asked Enbridge to provide more clarity about the elements of the AUTUVA calculation. In response, Enbridge has agreed that it will provide the following evidence in its 2018 Rate Adjustment proceeding:

- a. Evidence, regarding how Enbridge undertakes:
  - i. Establishment of baseload:
  - ii. Establishment of heatload per customer; and
  - iii. Customer count
- b. If applicable, evidence outlining any changes made since rebasing, to the methodology, parameters and assumptions of related to the determination of the items above.
- c. If there were any changes made to its calculation of the AUTUVA balances since rebasing, an analysis of the impact of the change by showing the difference between the actual normalized average use for each year, and what the amount would have been if no changes had been made.
- c. Forecast volumes and customer meters on a monthly basis including the forecast monthly figures for baseload and heatload per customer. In the 2018 Earnings Sharing Mechanism proceeding, Enbridge will provide these figures on an actual basis.

Enbridge also agrees that if it requests an average use true-up mechanism in its next rebasing case, then Enbridge will file a study reviewing what other practices regarding average use true-up are approved for other utilities and how they compare to what Enbridge proposes. As part of this study, Enbridge would indicate the impacts of using the different practices and what is industry best practice, if this differs from Enbridge's proposed average use true-up approach.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-5 2016 Actual Average Use True-Up Variance Account Explanation

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.8

I.C.EGDI.BOMA.22

I.C.EGDI.EP.7

I.C.EGDI.FRPO.11 to 13

OEB Staff Interrogatory #8

BOMA Interrogatory #22

Energy Probe Interrogatory #7

FRPO Interrogatories #11 to 13

I.C.EGDI.SEC.4 SEC Interrogatory #4

#### (g) 2016 Earnings Sharing Mechanism D/A (2016 ESMDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 ESMDA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

All parties agree that the clearance of this account does not signify any agreement with or acceptance of Enbridge's changes to capitalization rates for certain expenses, which are set out in response to BOMA Interrogatory #18. All parties agree that Enbridge's approach to capitalization of these expenses may be addressed in Enbridge's next rebasing case and that the acceptance of Enbridge's ESM amounts in this proceeding shall not be taken as agreement with or acceptance of Enbridge's changes to capitalization rates.

#### **Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

B-1-1 B-1-2 B-1-3 B-1-4 B-2-1 B-2-2 B-2-3 B-2-4 B-3-1 B-3-2	2016 ESM Amount and Determination Process ESM Calculations and Required Rate of Return 2016 Actuals 2016 Utility Earnings - Contributors to Utility Earnings and Earnings Sharing Amounts Utility Earnings - Reconciliation of 2016 Utility Income to Audited EGDI Consolidated Income Ontario Utility Rate Base – Comparison of 2016 Actuals to 2016 Board Approved Property, Plant and Equipment Summary Statement – Average of Monthly Averages 2016 Actuals Working Capital – 2016 Actuals Comparison of Utility Capital Expenditures 2016 Actuals and 2016 Board Approved Utility Operating Revenue 2016 Actuals Comparison of Gas Sales and Transportation Volume by Rate Class 2016 Actuals to 2016 Board
B-3-3	Approved Comparison of Gas Sales and Transportation Revenue by Rate Class 2016 Actuals to 2016 Board Approved
B-3-4	Customer Meters, Volumes and Revenues by Rate Class 2016 Actuals
B-3-5	Other Operating Revenue
B-4-1	Operating Cost 2016 Actuals
B-4-2	Operating and Maintenance Expense by Department Year Ending December 2016
B-5-1	Required Rate of Return 2016 Actuals
B-5-2	Utility Income 2016 Actuals
B-5-3	Cost of Capital 2016 Actuals
C-1-1	Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates
D-6-1	Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2016
D-6-2	Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Management's Discussion and Analysis – December 31, 2016
I.B.EGDI.STAFF.2	OEB Staff Interrogatory #2
I.B.BOMA.1 to 18 and 26	BOMA Interrogatories #1 to 18 and 26
I.B.EGDI.CCC.1 to 5	CCC Interrogatories #1 to 5
I.B.EGDI.EP.1 to 5	Energy Probe Interrogatories #1 to 5
I.B.EGDI.FRPO.1 to 10	FRPO Interrogatories #1 to 10
I.B.EGDI.IGUA.1 I.B.EGDI.SEC.1 and 2	IGUA Interrogatory #1
I.B.EGDI.VECC.1 to 4	SEC Interrogatories #1 and 2 VECC Interrogatories #1 to 4
I.C.EGDI.FRPO.14 and 15	FRPO Interrogatories #14 and 15
I.D.EGDI.FRPO.14 and 13	Energy Probe Interrogatory #9
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# (h) 2013-2016 Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing Deferral Account (2013-2016 CCCISRSDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to these accounts. All parties agree that the interest balances in the 2013-2016 CCCISRSDAs, which are shown in Appendix A, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1	Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-1-10	2016 Customer Care CIS Rate Smoothing Deferral Account
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

# (i) 2017 Transition Impact of Accounting Changes Deferral Account (2017 TIACDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2017 TIACDA, which is shown in Appendix A, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1	Deferral & Variance Accounts Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-1-10	2016 Transition Impact of Accounting Changes Deferral Account
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

#### (j) 2016 Post-Retirement True-Up V/A (2016 PTUVA)

In accordance with the Board approved accounting order for the 2016 PTUVA, approved in EB-2015-0114, the Company has requested clearance of (\$5) million, of the (\$9.7), recorded in the 2016 PTUVA, with the remaining (\$4.7) to be rolled forward to the 2017 PTUVA. This methodology, which is intended to smooth significant variances over future years, is consistent with the treatment and clearance of amounts which have been recorded within the previously approved PTUVAs.

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that (\$5) million from the 2016 PTUVA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below. The remaining (\$4.7) will be carried forward to the 2017 PTUVA.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1	Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-1-6	2016 Post-Retirement True-Up Variance Account
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates
I.C.EGDI.STAFF.9	OEB Staff Interrogatory #9
I.C.EGDI.CCC.7	CCC Interrogatory #7

#### (k) 2016 Credit Final Bill Deferral Account (2016 CFBDA)

In response to Board Staff Interrogatory #11, Enbridge indicated that its final attempt at refunding credit final bill balances is now complete and that there is an additional \$480,000 of unrefunded balances in addition to the amounts recorded in the 2016 CFBDA. All parties agree that this \$480,000 should be added to the balance of the CFBDA, to be credited to customers. This results in a principal balance of \$2,004,400 in the 2016 CFBDA. All parties agree that this principal balance in the 2016 CFBDA, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017 C-1-12 2016 Credit Final Bill Deferral Account Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances C-2-1

**Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates** C-2-2 I.C.EGDI.STAFF.11 OEB Staff Interrogatory #11

#### **(I)** 2016 GTA Incremental Transmission Capital Revenue Requirement Deferral Account (2016 GTAITCRRDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties and TCPL agree that the principal balance in the 2016 GTAITCRRDA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-14 Greater Toronto Area Incremental Transmission Capital Revenue Requirement Deferral Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 **Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates** I.C.EGDI.STAFF.13 OEB Staff Interrogatory #13

#### (m) 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Deferral Account (2016 GGEIDA)

As set out in Procedural Order No. 2, the only matter related to the 2016 GGEIDA that is open to settlement is whether there should be an interim disposition of the amounts recorded in the account. All parties have agreed that there will be no interim disposition of the balance in the 2016 GGEIDA, and that all determinations about the disposition of the amount recorded in that account will be made in the Enbridge's 2018 Compliance Plan proceeding (EB-2017-0224) or another appropriate proceeding as determined by the Board.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-11 2016 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Deferral Account C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates
I.C.EGDI.APPrO.1 and 2
I.C.EGDI.CCC.9 CCC Interrogatory #9
I.C.EGDI.FRPO.14 FRPO Interrogatory #14
I.C.EGDI.IGUA.2 IGUA Interrogatory #2

#### (n) 2016 Rate 332 Deferral Account (2016 R332DA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties and TCPL agree that the principal balance in the 2016 R332DA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-15 Rate 332 Deferral Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates I.C.EGDI.STAFF.13 OEB Staff Interrogatory #13

#### (o) 2016 OEB Cost Assessment Variance Account (2016 OEBCAVA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 OEBCAVA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-13 2016 Ontario Energy Board Cost Assessment Variance Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates I.C.EGDI.STAFF.12 OEB Staff Interrogatory #12

#### (p) 2016 Transactional Services D/A (2016 TSDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 TSDA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-3 2016 Storage & Transportation Deferral Account and 2016 Transactional Services Deferral

Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates
I.C.EGDI.STAFF.6 OEB Staff Interrogatory #2
I.C.EGDI.BOMA.20 BOMA Interrogatory #20
I.C.EGDI.SEC.3 SEC Interrogatory #3

#### (q) 2016 Storage and Transportation D/A (2016 S&TDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 S&TDA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017

C-1-3 2016 Storage & Transportation Deferral Account and 2016 Transactional Services Deferral

Account

C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.5 OEB Staff Interrogatory #5
I.C.EGDI.BOMA.19 BOMA Interrogatory #19

#### (r) 2016 Unaccounted for Gas V/A (2016 UAFVA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 UAFVA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

Enbridge agrees that as part of its 2018 Rate Adjustment Application, it will file evidence explaining the steps that have been taken to address UAF that may be associated with metering differences at gate stations (as described in response to BOMA Interrogatory #21). Enbridge's evidence will address any reductions in UAF achieved to date from review of metering at gate stations, as well as plans for any future actions to address this item.

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1 Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
 C-1-4 2016 Unaccounted For Variance Account explanation
 C-2-1 Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances

C-2-2 Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

I.C.EGDI.STAFF.7 OEB Staff Interrogatory #7
I.C.EGDI.BOMA.21 BOMA Interrogatory #21
I.C.EGDI.EP.6 Energy Probe Interrogatory #6
I.C.EGDI.VECC.5 VECC Interrogatory #5

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#### (s) 2015 Unabsorbed Demand Cost D/A (2016 UDCDA)

There are no unsettled issues with respect to this account. All parties agree that the principal balance in the 2016 UDCDA, which is shown in Appendix A, along with applicable interest, will be cleared as set out under Issue 2, below.

C-1-1	Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-1-2	2016 Unabsorbed Demand Charge Deferral Account explanation
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates

# 2. The proposed method for allocating and disposing of the deferral account balances, inclusive of the 2016 earnings sharing amount.

All parties agree that the principal balances in Enbridge's Deferral and Variance Accounts with applicable interest, as set out in columns 5 and 6 of Appendix A to this Settlement Proposal, will be cleared over the months of October 2017 and November 2017, in conjunction with Enbridge's October 1, 2017 QRAM Application.

The unit rates associated with the clearance of the amounts set out at columns 5 and 6 of Appendix A, are set out within Appendix B to this Settlement Proposal, which reproduces the information that had been set out at Exhibit C, Tab 2, Schedule 2 (updated to reflect the changes from the pre-filed evidence reflected in this Settlement Proposal).

**Evidence:** The evidence in relation to this issue includes the following:

C-1-1	Balances Requested for Clearance at October 1, 2017
C-2-1	Clearance of Deferral and Variance Account Balances
C-2-2	Derivation of Proposed Unit Rates
I.C.EGDI.STAFF.14	OEB Staff Interrogatory #14
I.C.EGDI.BOMA.25	BOMA Interrogatory #25
I.C.EGDI.EP.8	Energy Probe Interrogatory #8