

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC. AND UNION GAS LIMITED

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited have applied for approval to amalgamate to form a single gas distribution, transportation and storage company.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited have applied to the Ontario Energy Board to amalgamate to form a single natural gas distribution, transportation and storage company effective January 1, 2019. The amalgamated utility would serve over 3.5 million natural gas customers in Ontario.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited say that their customers will not pay any costs related to the amalgamation and that if the Ontario Energy Board approves the amalgamation, customers will receive a total benefit of \$410 million over a ten-year period.

The rates that Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited currently charge customers are set using two separate frameworks that expire at the end of 2018. The Ontario Energy Board would normally review the costs of each of the gas utilities to set new rates starting in 2019. In a separate application, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited have asked the Ontario Energy Board to defer its full review of their costs for 10 years and have proposed a methodology for setting rates from 2019 to the end of 2028 using a formula. The Ontario Energy Board will review this rate proposal in a separate proceeding. You can review the notice and related documents for that proceeding at www.oeb.ca/EnbridgeUnionRateFramework.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas and Union Gas. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Enbridge Gas and Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas and Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **December 20, 2017** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0306**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2017-0306** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas and Union Gas have asked for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **December 20, 2017**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 43(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998.

