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Dear members of the OEB;

Enbridge Gas and Union Gas have asked for a written hearing. The OEB indicated it is considering their request. Your committee has offered interested Ontarioians an opportunity to state in writing which method they feel is appropriate and why. Oddly your notice did not present why Enbridge Gas and Union Gas have asked for a written hearing. I would very much like to know their reasoning.

As Enbridge Gas and Union Gas, from my understanding, both represent the largest of the handful of natural gas distributors in Ontario. Their asking for a merger is tantamount to securing an approval to establish a monopolistic position in supplying gas to Ontario customers. I will investigate why these two companies think that their establishing a mega distribution company will not in essence become a de facto monopoly with too much political sway influencing future pricing agreements to the detriment of most residents and businesses.

Ontario consumers are already suffering with paying one of the highest hydro rates in North America. Many Ontario families and businesses are not equipped to absorb potential future price shocks for their natural gas.

As this is a very important decision I think that any hearing in this matter should be both with oral presentations and in publicly available written submissions to gain a wide and balanced understanding of all considerations in this matter.

Respectfully,

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