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Amalgamation of Union Gas and Enbridge Gas: EB-2017-0306

Oral v Written Hearing & Have My Say

It is essential that this public hearing be both oral and written.....not one or the other.
Written submissions by proponents and interested parties should be available to the public and the media.

There is no indication on the OEB web site who the members of the OEB are, their qualifications, prior employment, years of service, etc.

Is the process conducted behind closed doors?

What opportunity is there by intervenors to question the authors of any submissions, especially of the proponents.

How many jobs will be lost if such an amalgamation takes place?

This amalgamation is for the sole benefit of Union & Enbridge shareholders and executives There is no way that the proponents or OEB can guarantee consumers a \$410 million saving over 10 years.

A formula for pricing for the next 10 years is only a "downside" for the amalgamated utility....if costs increase they will be passed on to the customer.

The OEB should be looking to enhance competition by continual analysis of the corporate operating costs, and detailed financials, of Union and Enbridge.

Such comparative information should be easily accessible on the OEB web site.

These utilities are operating monopolies.....the OEB has a responsibility to compare them and to see that they are competitive and efficient in their overheads and business practices.

Surely the objective is to ensure “competitive rates” for consumers.....to say “reasonable rates” is just a plain abrogation of OEB responsibility.