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Good morning,

Thank you for the updates on this matter! As a home owner for the last couple of years I'm following closely what the utility companies are doing.

Every spring comes with an increase in rates - directly on utility rate or indirectly- fees, delivery fees etc . The above summary states that the merger will not impact the cost for customers but the notice I received states different :

"Under the Government of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions regulation each of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Union Gas Limited and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership are required to develop plans to meet their cap and trade compliance obligations. Each of the natural gas utilities have applied for approval to recover the costs associated with their 2018 cap and trade compliance plans. If approved, the costs of the proposed plans would raise natural gas rates by \$0.40 to \$0.50 on average per month starting January 1, 2018 for residential customers. The exact amount of the increase will depend on the amount of gas you use and on your gas utility. Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected."

I hope the OEB will :

1. request Enbridge- Union Gas to explain how the scale savings they mention in the plan will be distributed to customers.
2. The merger costs can't be passed to customers 3. Once the amalgamation is done the new company will not have monopoly over the market and government decision making .

Thank you,
Liviu C