

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 43(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders granting leave to amalgamate as of January 1, 2019.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving a rate setting mechanism and associated parameters during the deferred rebasing period, effective January 1, 2019.

INTERROGATORIES TO ENERGY PROBE

FROM THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

1. [Page 10] Please explain further the recommendation that the Board allow an opportunity for settlement discussions. Please expand on why the utility would be willing to agree to any compromise position when the Board has already put the Application on a fast track schedule.
2. [Page 10, 11] Please explain further the recommendation that the deferral period be reduced to five years. Please explain whether that recommendation assumes a) a rate freeze, as with US examples given, or b) an ICM as proposed by the Applicants. If the recommendation does not include a rate freeze, please advise what the experts would recommend as a deferral period if a rate freeze is included.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this April 16, 2018.

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