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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date -- 2019-01-23

-- Case Number --EB-2018-0305

-- Name --Paul Milliken

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I find your notice highly deceiving, a quick look on the union gas website lists the increases annually as \$54.56 for the average customer in Southern Ontario. It seems \$44.58 has been approved by our government without public consultation. That is atleast how it seems from someone just informed about this situation by your email. I would also like to know how much new infrastructure and maintenance may be planned for this year to justify an astronomical increase in profits.

Ontario.ca lists there being approximately 3.5 million natural gas customers in Ontario. Southern Ontario has the highest population density in Canada so it is safe to say at least 80% of Ontarians live here likely more. Using this conservative percentage that means 2.8 million natural gas customers in Southern Ontario, again this number is likely higher. So an increase in

\$54.56 times 2.8 million nets \$152,768,000. Union Gas' revenue in 2017 was

2.3 billion and they netted 232 million. That means 9.91% of revenue is income. 9.91% of \$152,768,000 is \$15,139,308.80. So using averages an amalgamation of these two companies adds just over 10% to net profits, which is far too high a number for purely inflation.

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