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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --
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-- Case Number --
EB-2018-0305

-- Name --
Girish Gandhi

-- Phone --
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-- Company --

-- Address --
[REDACTED]

-- Comments --
Honorable Members of the Board,
My comment relates firstly to the amalgamation of 'EDG' and 'Union' into Enbridge Gas Inc. Would it not make sense that such an amalgamation (whether horizontal or vertical) be based on, and ultimately lead to, greater cost efficiencies and hence reduction in overheads and operational costs which can then be passed down to the customer?

I have not seen any such specific analysis in the documentation presented for the justification of the rate hike requested.

Also, is it not expected that any application for rate hikes be based on a Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) Analysis or similar methodology of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period instead of an arbitrary 'Price Cap Index' where growth is driven by an 'inflation factor'?

rather than actual cost justification?

I have nothing against paying for goods and services at competitive rates and in order to meet justified costs however to present a request for a rate hike within the same year as the amalgamation leads me to question the whole process.

Although I do not consider myself to be an expert nor can I read and fully understand all the data provided, I am merely expressing my humble opinion based on logical reasoning and whatever I could gather in the time frame provided.

Hopefully I have provided the panel with useful information.

-- Attachment --