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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Comments --  
Dear OEB,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, as a member of the public and a homeowner and senior, on the application by Enbridge Gas Inc. to again increase rates effective April 1, 2019.

First, may I state, "NO, please do NOT approve this application!" I provide my basic reasons below:

1. This rate increase of \$93.93/year (residential customer within the Enbridge Gas Rate Zone) is excessive in light of the overall NET increases approved in 2018 and, most recently, Jan 1, 2019.
2. Further, the carbon charge payable to the Federal Government should be borne solely by Enbridge Gas Inc. as part of the cost of "doing business" if the company can't or won't reduce their carbon footprint overall. I would prefer that energy companies reduce their carbon footprint rather than pay a fee or a tax (to pollute) – said fee or tax passed along to customers.
3. We already pay Enbridge Gas Inc. almost \$275.00/year just to be a CUSTOMER, billed at \$20.00/month plus tax, whether we consume gas or not.
4. Coupled with the foregoing, we are aware of increasingly difficult financial impacts that these ongoing net rate increases are having on some of our neighbours and friends who are seniors on fixed incomes.

Regardless of what the OEB decides in this regard, may I further respectfully suggest that the OEB recommend - in light of inevitable ongoing, net rate increases over the long term - that the "monthly customer charge" be removed

from Enbridge Gas Inc. customers (and not hidden in another rate increase application). This would help at least mitigate some of the financial hardship caused to customers, especially seniors on fixed incomes.

I recognize that it may be a mutually-exclusive objective for the OEB "to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector" while ALSO providing "reliable energy services at a reasonable cost" to general public. However, in this case - the current application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for another rate increase effective April 1, 2019 - it is my view that the OEB would best meet their stated objective to "serve the public interest" by denying this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. Pettigrew  
March 4, 2019

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