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Enbridge Gas Inc. application to raise its natural gas rates effective April 1, 2019 to recover costs associated with the Federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my disappointment with the above mentioned proposed rate increases.

Although we are all concerned about global warming and greenhouse gases, this proposed increase does not come at a good time for many Canadians.

The point I am trying to make is that there are many young hard working families already burdened with high taxes and costs as well as large mortgages working hard just trying to keep a roof over their heads. At the other end of the spectrum are seniors who are trying to stay in their homes in centres like Newmarket where services and hospitals are close to home. As you are aware, many seniors live on fixed incomes.

Many younger, hard working people work in the private sector where wages are often stagnated as many smaller companies do not give wage increases as they struggle to remain competitive in business. This is unlike the public sector where wage increases and benefits are often more predictable.

Another point I want to make is that Governments (federal, provincial and municipal), large corporations and utilities often pass on their increases to the public without a thought about each others impact on working and retired

people. The increases in addition to increases already incurred by other companies and utilities as we head into 2019.

Many large companies utilize their “purchasing power” to acquire goods and services to manufacture and provide products to the public at a competitive price. However, it is a mystery, as our communities grow larger, that the strength in numbers doesn't seem to mitigate the increases in our taxes or our utilities for that matter.

Solutions

Governments, large corporations and utilities should “collectively” revue what impact their increases have on people each year to keep them at reasonable levels. Perhaps there should be a graduated increase structure based on peoples different abilities to absorb such increases.

These ideas may sound somewhat socialist in nature however, now is the time to take better care of our citizens for a healthy and vital economy.

Warren Cimarno,


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