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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order  
Enbridge Gas Inc.  
2019 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Account Disposition  
Application  
OEB File Number: EB-2021-0072**

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In accordance with the Decision and Order dated June 24, 2021, please find attached OEB staff's submission on the draft Rate Order in the above noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

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Project Advisor, Application Policy & Conservation

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cc: All parties in EB-2021-0072



# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **OEB Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**2019 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Account  
Disposition Application**

**EB-2021-0072**

**July 7, 2021**

## Background

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 10, 2021 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval to clear amounts recorded in certain 2019 deferral and variance accounts related to its delivery of natural gas conservation and energy efficiency programs.

On June 24, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the application approving lost revenue, shareholder incentive and DSM program related amounts.

In response to the OEB's Decision and Order, Enbridge Gas filed a draft Rate Order on June 30, 2021. The draft Rate Order outlines the proposed disposition of approved amounts and interest in Enbridge Gas's EGD rate zone and Union rate zones.

## Draft Rate Order

The draft Rate Order reflects a one-time billing adjustment for all Enbridge Gas customers. This is the first time that Enbridge Gas is using a common disposition methodology across the EGD and Union rate zones. The billing adjustment will be derived for each customer individually by applying the disposition unit rates to each customer's actual consumption volume for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for the EGD rate zone and the Union rate zone contract customers and for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for Union rate zone general service customers.<sup>1</sup>

The one-time billing adjustments determined as part of this rate order will be disposed to customers at the same time as the one-time billing adjustments determined in the 2019 Disposition of Deferral and Variance Account Balances<sup>2</sup> which are also effective October 1, 2021.

The draft rate order reflects total 2019 DSM deferral and variance account balances of \$22.362 million debit, including interest of \$0.294 million, for total disposition of \$22.656 million effective October 1, 2021. Of the total balance, \$13.277 million debit is applicable to the EGD rate zone and \$9.379 million debit is applicable to the Union rate zones<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas Draft Rate Order, June 30, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> EB-2020-0134.

<sup>3</sup> Enbridge Gas Draft Rate Order, June 30, 2021.

**OEB Staff Submission**

Enbridge Gas used the amounts approved for disposition, including interest and allocated these amounts in accordance to the Decision and Order.

OEB staff submits that Enbridge Gas's draft Rate Order for the EGD rate zone and Union rate zones are consistent with the OEB's Decision and Order. Any differences noted are immaterial and is a result of rounding to the nearest dollar.

OEB staff submits that the allocation between rate classes, and the resulting one-time billing adjustment amounts, are appropriate and consistent with the application and Decision and Order.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -