

January 20, 2022

Christine Long
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via email: registrar@oeb.ca

RE: Carbon Charge Cost Recovery Applications by EPCOR and Enbridge

Dear Ms. Long:

My name is Jocelyn Bamford and I am the President of the Scarborough based Concerned Manufacturers of Canada.

We represent small and medium sized manufacturers from across the country but given the strong presence of manufacturing in Ontario, the majority of our membership is based in the province.

Given its importance to the running of our businesses and to our production costs, we keep an eye on energy prices in general.

What caught our attention was the Energy Board's review of the carbon charge applications by the two major natural gas companies in Ontario and their respective requests to pass these costs on to consumers as is the expected process, that the charge be applied to the consumer at the point of consumption.

We did not intervene when there was a call to do so last fall as we were happy to monitor the regulatory discussion from afar. However, upon reflection we should have as would like to request a response to some questions that we thought maybe been asked or discussed in this applications and to date, we do not believe they have — and the questions are as follows:

“What impact has the imposed charge on carbon had on reducing natural gas consumption in Ontario in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors on an annual basis since the time when the carbon charge was first imposed on natural gas consumers? In short, what is the relationship between the carbon charge and its annual escalation and any annual change in natural gas demand?”

“What is the projected cost of the charge going to be on an annual basis from now until the year 2030 on a per cubed meter of natural gas?”

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best

Jocelyn Bamford

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