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If the OEB is in fact "an independent and impartial public agency" who claims to "make decisions that serves the public interest and its' goal is to promote a financially viable & efficient energy with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost", then why would it consider Enbridge Gas' application which obviously entails increasing gas prices even more than they have?! I am writing this letter to the Ontario Energy Board to NOT consider Enbridge Gas' application. If anything, lower the gas price. Make it affordable for everyone.

I am appalled by how much my gas bill has already increased within one year. I purchased a new furnace last year which should lower the cost. When I called to speak with an Enbridge representative two weeks ago about my ridiculously high bill she noticed that I have been using less gas, but said the calculations on the bill were correct. When I asked to speak to a supervisor, she also noticed that I used less gas.

I don't have a lot of gas appliances. My house is not huge and there are only two people living in my dwelling. The supervisor proceeded to say that the price increase is due to the war in the Ukraine and Covid. I don't think we should be penalized for those reasons nor should we have to compensate for consumers unable to pay their utility bill.

Another excuse for the price increase according to the supervisor was that different areas have different costs. What I find curious is this: my parents' bill did not increase & they live down the street from me in the same town.

There were never any price increases when I was with Union Gas before they merged with Enbridge, and there has always been inflation. I am a single parent with one dependent. I have a good income and it is difficult to afford my gas bill as it is.

Serving the public interest constitutes lowering the price for everyone and keeping it that way, not making Enbridge and or any intervenors (stakeholders etc.) wealthy at the public's expense.

Thank you for considering my letter during the hearing.

Sincerely, Rose Minardi