

VIA RESS and EMAIL

June 9, 2023

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi:

Re: EB-2023-0134 – Enbridge Gas Inc. – July 1, 2023
Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) Application

Effective January 1, 2019, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) and Union Gas Limited (Union) amalgamated to become Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas). Enclosed is an application and supporting evidence from Enbridge Gas requesting an order approving or fixing rates within both the EGD rate zone and Union rate zones¹ for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of natural gas effective July 1, 2023.

This application is submitted in accordance with the OEB's EB-2008-0106 Decision, and includes a schedule, provided below, for: the review and comment of intervenors and OEB Staff; Enbridge Gas's response to any comments; and the OEB's Decision and Order. A full list of the evidence supporting this application is provided in the exhibit list found at Exhibit A, Tab 1, Schedule 1.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Review and comment on July 1, 2023 GRAM application of intervenors and OEB Staff	June 14, 2023
Enbridge Gas's response to any comments	June 16, 2023
OEB's Decision and Order	June 23, 2023

¹ Collectively, the Union North West, Union North East and Union South rate zones are referred to as "Union rate zones". Union North West and Union North East are collectively referred to as "Union North".

EGD Rate Zone

Relevant to the EGD rate zone the proposed EGD Rate Zone Purchased Gas Variance Account Reference Price (PGVA Reference Price) is \$172.454/10³m³ (\$4.476/GJ @ 38.53 MJ/m³), representing a decrease of \$14.471/10³m³ (\$0.375/GJ @ 38.53 MJ/m³).

The decrease from the change in reference price noted above, is offset by an increase in the quarterly change in rate riders, which results in an increase to the total bill for a typical residential customer on system gas of approximately \$11.46 or 0.9%.²

Union Rate Zones

Relevant to the Union rate zones the proposed Alberta Border Reference Price, based on the current 21-day strip price, is \$3.238/GJ. This represents a decrease of \$0.318/GJ. The proposed Dawn Reference Price, based on the current 21-day strip price, is \$3.629/GJ. This represents a decrease of \$0.379/GJ. Enbridge Gas is also proposing to prospectively dispose of a gas cost deferral account balance specific to the Union rate zones of \$18.013 million.

The decrease from the change in reference price noted above, is offset by an increase in the quarterly change in rate riders, which results in a net annual bill increase for residential sales service customers of \$3.39 or 0.3% in Union South, a net annual bill decrease of \$(6.89) or (0.6)% in Union North West, and a net annual bill increase of \$10.01 or 0.7% in Union North East.

Additional Item

The OEB approved, in its Decision and Rate Order for the April 1, 2023 QRAM³, advancing the recovery of the July 2022 QRAM mitigation to a remaining 12-month period (April 1, 2023 to March 21, 2024).⁴ As shown in the Enbridge Gas reply letter dated March 17, 2023⁵, a remaining 12-month disposition period for the April and July 2022 QRAM rate mitigation riders is the most practical approach and as a result the corresponding riders should not be subject to further advancement. No further advancement of rate mitigation evidence has been provided in this filing.

Enbridge Gas is serving an electronic copy of the application with supporting evidence in PDF format on all interested parties in the EB-2008-0106, EB-2019-0137, EB-2022-0072, and EB-2022-0133 proceedings. This complete evidence package is also available electronically in searchable PDF format through the following link on Enbridge Gas's website: [Regulatory Information | Enbridge Gas](#).

Should you have any questions on this matter please contact the undersigned.

² Amounts provided include EGD Rider C.

³ EB-2023-0073, OEB Decision and Rate Order, March 23, 2023, p. 5.

⁴ The remaining period of the July 2022 extended rate rider was 15 months.

⁵ EB-2023-0073, Enbridge Gas Reply Letter, March 17, 2023.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Interested Parties EB-2008-0106, EB-2019-0137, EB-2022-0072,
& EB-2022-0133