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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Comments --

Hearst Council is concerned and objects to the additional costs that Enbridge Inc. is downloading to its residential customers in Hearst. Natural gas costs have been and are continuously increasing, making it financially difficult for northern Ontario citizens that require and depend on natural gas for heating purposes (specifically during the longer and colder winter seasons), and there are no better alternatives or options to heat our homes in comparison to southern Ontario communities. Costs for natural gas have more than doubled in the last year, forcing some residents to seek assistance or forfeit the comfort of their own homes. There needs to be a better mechanism in place to control rate and cost hikes that are being arbitrarily transferred onto our residents during a time where inflation is negatively impacting affordability and the cost of living of so many Ontarians. It is unfair for residential customers to absorb Enbridge's disposal of balances of certain deferral and variance accounts. We (Hearst Council) are asking that careful and responsible consideration be given when making a final decision on imposing additional charges to customers. Large corporate companies do not have an understanding nor any compassion for the challenges and differences that exist between southern and northern Ontario. Our current natural gas costs are already highly inflated beyond reasonable means!

-- Receive a copy of the decision? --
Yes

-- Attachment --