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## **VIA RESS and EMAIL**

December 8, 2023

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

Dear Nancy Marconi:

Re: EB-2023-0330 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - January 1, 2024

**Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) 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 zones<sup>1</sup> for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of natural gas effective January 1, 2024.

The January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 QRAM has been prepared and filed using the existing OEB-approved methodologies, and Enbridge will continue to do so in future applications until such time as Enbridge receives all necessary approvals for its Rebasing Decision in EB-2022-0200.

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 January 1, 2024 QRAM application of intervenors and OEB Staff	December 13, 2023
Enbridge Gas's response to any comments	December 15, 2023
OEB's Decision and Order	December 22, 2023

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 \$178.271/10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> (\$4.627/GJ @ 38.53 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>), representing a decrease of \$8.321/10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup> (\$0.216/GJ @ 38.53 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>).

The decrease from the change in reference price noted above, along with the decrease in the quarterly change in rate riders, results in an decrease to the total bill for a typical residential customer on system gas of approximately \$(53.50) or (4.0%).<sup>2</sup>

## **Union Rate Zones**

Relevant to the Union rate zones the proposed Alberta Border Reference Price, based on the current 21-day strip price, is \$3.047/GJ. This represents a decrease of \$0.410/GJ. The proposed Dawn Reference Price, based on the current 21-day strip price, is \$3.951/GJ. This represents a decrease of \$0.083/GJ. Enbridge Gas is also proposing to prospectively dispose of a gas cost deferral account balance specific to the Union rate zones of \$(31.725) million.

The decrease from the change in reference price noted above, along with the decrease in the quarterly change in rate riders, results in a net annual bill decrease for residential sales service customers of \$(69.29) or (5.7%) in Union South, a net annual bill decrease of \$(51.76) or (4.2%) in Union North West, and a net annual bill decrease of \$(36.78) or (2.6)% in Union North East.

## **Additional Item**

Enbridge Gas Inc.'s common Facility Carbon Charge for all customers was approved in EB-2022-0194 and shall be implemented effective with the January 1, 2024 QRAM. The unit rates for this charge have been brought forward and included with this QRAM in all rate zones.

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.

Sincerely,

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Amounts provided include EGD Rider C.