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**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order  
Enbridge Gas Inc.  
2021 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Account Disposition  
Application  
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0062**

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In accordance with the Decision and Order dated May 7, 2024, please find attached OEB staff's submission on the draft Rate Order in the above noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Josh Wasylyk  
Application Policy & Conservation

Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2023-0062



# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **OEB Staff Submission**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**2021 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance Account  
Disposition Application**

**EB-2023-0062**

**May 31, 2024**

## Background

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 28, 2023 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval to clear amounts recorded in certain 2021 deferral and variance accounts related to its delivery of natural gas conservation and energy efficiency programs.

On May 7, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the application approving the treatment of lost revenue, shareholder incentive, and demand side management (DSM) program account balances. Among other things, the Decision and Order directed Enbridge Gas to file a draft Rate Order.

On May 21, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a draft Rate Order. The draft Rate Order outlines the proposed disposition of approved amounts and interest in Enbridge Gas' Enbridge Gas Distribution (EGD) and Union rate zones.

## Draft Rate Order

The draft Rate Order reflects a one-time billing adjustment for all Enbridge Gas customers. Enbridge Gas will clear these balances in conjunction with its October 1, 2024 Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) application.<sup>1</sup>

The draft Rate Order reflects total 2021 DSM deferral and variance account balances of \$2.833 million to be returned to ratepayers, plus an additional \$0.462 million in interest to be returned to ratepayers, for a total disposition of \$3.295 million credit to customers effective October 1, 2024. Of the total balance, \$7.005 million is to be recovered from ratepayers in the EGD rate zone and \$10.301 million is to be returned to ratepayers in the Union rate zones.<sup>2</sup>

## OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff submits that Enbridge Gas' draft Rate Order is consistent with the findings set out in the May 7 Decision and Order.<sup>3</sup> Enbridge Gas used the amounts approved for disposition and allocated these amounts in accordance with the Decision and Order, for disposition effective October 1, 2024.

OEB staff submits that the allocation between rate classes and the resulting one-time billing adjustment amounts are appropriate and consistent with the Decision and Order.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2023-0062, Draft Rate Order, May 21, 2024

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> EB-2023-0062, Decision and Order, May 7, 2024