

Elson Advocacy

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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. 2024 to 2028 Rates Application
EB-2024-0111**

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence to submit a supplementary interrogatory flowing from new information we received on Wednesday of this week relating to \$10,000 incentives that Enbridge is providing for customers to install gas heat pumps. This initiative is relevant to the proposed Energy Transition Technology Fund (“ETTF”) and Enbridge’s planned “safe bets” spending. We respectfully request that Enbridge provide a response to this additional interrogatory when possible. We understand that the response likely cannot be provided in time for the existing interrogatory response deadline.

The supplementary interrogatory is attached.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

cc: Parties to the above proceeding

Interrogatory # 1-ED-63

Reference: Reference: Exhibit 1, Tab 10, Schedule 7

Preamble: The following image is from a recent Enbridge ad:



The advertisement features the Enbridge logo at the top left. Below it, the text "Residential Natural Gas Heat Pump Program" is underlined. The main headline reads "Heat your home more efficiently". To the left of the headline, it says "More savings. More comfort." The central image shows a smiling man holding a green tablet, with two young children looking at the screen. The man is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, and the children are wearing patterned pajamas. The background is a light grey wall. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "Limited-time offer: Get a \$10,000* rebate".

ENBRIDGE®

Residential Natural Gas Heat Pump Program

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More comfort.

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Question(s):

- (a) Please confirm that this incentive is being funded by Enbridge Gas's Technology Development team. What are the functions of that team and what is its budget?
- (b) Would the ETTF undertake similar activities related to gas heat pumps? Would the ETTF be run by the Technology Development team?

- (c) What is the budget for these gas heat pump incentives and how are they funded? Please provide a breakdown by year and between incentive costs and administration costs (e.g. promotion, etc.).
- (d) If ratepayer funds are being used for this initiative, please justify how that is allowed in light of the OEB denying Enbridge approval to spend ratepayer funds on gas heat pumps in the most recent DSM proceeding.