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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Dear Registrar and OEB Commissioners I am writing to express my strong opposition to Enbridge Gas Inc s pending application for natural gas rate increases scheduled to take effect January 1 2026 EB20250163. This proposed rate increase comes on the heels of consecutive increases and adjustments over the past year which have already placed undue financial strain on households. According to Enbridge s own filings, the Ontario Energy Board approved new gas prices effective July 1 2025 leading to annual bill impacts ranging from a decrease of about 26.85 dollars to an increase of up to 74.30 dollars depending on location. This equates to roughly 8 point 3 percent increase in annual bill change for a typical residential customer. Earlier in the year in April 2025 Enbridge also applied to recover costs under the Federal Carbon Pricing Program which would result in further annual bill increases approximately 70 point 84 dollars for customers in the EGD Rate Zone and around 63 dollars for Union South and Union North zones. Given this clear pattern of recent increases including in early 2025 and mid 2025 it is unconscionable to see customers facing yet another scheduled uptick starting in 2026. For these reasons I strongly urge the OEB to 1 Deny or significantly reduce Enbridge Gas s 2026 rate increase application. 2 Require transparent mitigation measures such as credits or other relief for residential customers consistent with the Board s mandate to protect affordability. 3 Closely scrutinize whether shifting overhead capital to operating costs as indicated in the 2026 application truly serves ratepayer interests. Introducing yet another increase now would strain household budgets especially across Ontario s hot summer of 2025 and into winter when affordability is critical. I urge the OEB to protect consumers by rejecting or substantially modifying Enbridge s proposed rate increase. Thank you for your careful consideration of this comment submission. Sincerely John Zhong

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes