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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

As a residential customer in the Enbridge Gas Distribution area, I strongly object to the proposed rate increases. Over the past five years, the Ontario Consumer Price Index CPI has increased at an average rate of approximately three percent per year, with annual changes as follows: 2019: one point nine percent 2020: zero point seven percent 2021: three point five percent 2022: six point eight percent 2023: three point nine percent 2024 to date: two point six percent Over this same period, Enbridge residential rates have risen significantly faster, often exceeding five percent annually, and well above both CPI and real inflation trends. The proposed increase continues this pattern, placing disproportionate financial pressure on households at a time when energy affordability is already a serious concern. Economic forecasts from both the Bank of Canada and Ontario Ministry of Finance project CPI inflation to average below two point five percent in 2025 and 2026. There is no economic justification for sustained utility rate increases exceeding these levels, especially when basic cost of living adjustments are far lower. I urge the Ontario Energy Board to reject or substantially reduce the proposed rate increase to align with actual inflation and protect consumers from excessive cost burdens.

Name: Aaron Peyda

Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes