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**To:** Office of the Registrar <Registrar@oeb.ca>  
**Subject:** EB-2025-0163 – Comment on Enbridge Gas Rate Increase

Dear Board Members,

I am a retiree living within the EGD rate zone. According to the Notice of Application (EB-2025-0163), Enbridge Gas is seeking to raise residential natural gas rates by approximately \$31.36 annually effective January 1, 2026.

While the application cites the OEB-approved formula and inflationary adjustments, I am concerned that even modest increases have a real and lasting impact on retirees like myself who live on fixed incomes. With the ongoing rise in food, insurance, property taxes, and other essentials, further increases in energy rates will make it harder to maintain household budgets without cutting back on necessities.

I note that this application also includes adjustments tied to service fees, project-specific rate changes, and a carbon charge adjustment. These elements require rigorous scrutiny. Past increases—sometimes large, sometimes reversed—have shown that forecasting errors and infrastructure assumptions can place unnecessary burdens on customers. Independent experts have also questioned the economic assumptions behind certain Enbridge expansion projects, citing risks of overbuilding and stranded assets.

I respectfully urge the Ontario Energy Board to:

1. **Reject or reduce** any rate increase that is not clearly essential and supported by robust evidence.
2. Require Enbridge to demonstrate tangible efficiency gains before passing further delivery or storage cost increases to customers.
3. Consider **phasing in** any approved increase or implementing relief measures for fixed-income households.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns. I trust the Board will protect ratepayers by approving only what is truly necessary and fair.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie Nogue