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To: Morgan Dew-Jones

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From: Ontario Energy Board <webmaster@oeb.ca>
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-- Name --Asher Jaffri

-- Do you reside in the impacted service area? -- Yes

-- Comments --

Re: Notice of Application for 2026 Rates - EB-2025-0163 and Enbridge Gas Inc. (EB-2025-0064) - 2024-2028 Natural Gas Distribution Rates

To the Ontario Energy Board and Enbridge Gas Inc.,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed rate increase outlined in the Notice of Application for 2026 Rates, with the file number EB-2025-0163 and 0164. As a concerned resident and customer, I urge you to reconsider this application in light of the current economic climate and the significant financial burdens already faced by many households.

The timing of this proposed rate hike could not be worse. Residents are grappling with a persistent cost of living crisis, driven by high inflation that has impacted everything from groceries to housing. A further increase in essential utility costs, such as natural gas, would place an unmanageable strain on household budgets. For many, this is not a matter of a minor adjustment but a decision that could force them to choose between heating their homes and affording other basic necessities.

While I understand the need for Enbridge Gas to maintain its infrastructure and services, it is crucial to recognize the socioeconomic conditions of the communities you serve. The cumulative effect of rising costs has created a difficult environment for vulnerable residents, including seniors, low-income families, and individuals on fixed incomes. A rate increase would disproportionately harm these populations, widening the gap between household income and daily expenses.

I respectfully request that the Ontario Energy Board carefully consider the broader economic impact of this application and prioritize the well-being of consumers. I implore Enbridge Gas to explore alternative options for financial management and operational efficiency that do not rely on passing additional costs to already struggling customers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response and hope for a resolution that is fair and just for all Ontario residents.