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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in gas rates. As a mother of 3, making ends meet is already very difficult. Even with my first born out of the house, the bills take the majority of my income. The current economy has two of my children still living at home because even with good jobs they cannot afford a home. It has become clear that greed is at the forefront of this increase as my daughter helped me realize the following. This rate hike comes at a time when Canadian families are already struggling to make ends meet due to the ongoing recession. It is unconscionable to ask families to choose between heating their homes and putting food on the table, especially given the harsh winter conditions we face in Canada. In 2025, Enbridge reported a gross profit of \$18.9 billion. Despite this substantial profit, Enbridge is seeking to increase rates, which would place an additional financial burden on consumers. It is worth noting that Enbridge's chief executive was compensated approximately \$18 million, a figure that underscores the company's financial health and capacity to absorb costs without passing them on to consumers. The argument for an increase in the base rate due to the consumer carbon price being set to zero is fundamentally flawed. The consumer carbon price was never intended to provide Enbridge with excess operating cash. This was tax money destined for the government, and its reduction to zero was foreseeable given the political discourse throughout 2024. Enbridge should have anticipated this change and planned accordingly, rather than treating the carbon price as guaranteed revenue. It is inherently wrong for Enbridge to feel entitled to this extra cash, and it is unjust to expect consumers to compensate for this lost revenue. The carbon tax was a government levy, and its removal should not translate into higher costs for consumers. Enbridge benefited from this tax for years, and now that the rules have changed, it is unreasonable to expect consumers to fill this gap. Furthermore, with the elimination of the carbon charges, Enbridge should experience administrative savings from no longer needing to collect and remit these fees. These savings should be passed on to consumers, not offset by increased rates. The financial impact of this rate increase on Canadian families cannot be overstated. According to recent statistics, approximately 14.9% of Canadians are considered low-income, struggling to cover basic necessities. Additionally, the average Canadian household debt stands at 177% of disposable income, indicating that many families are already financially overextended. An increase in gas rates would exacerbate these financial pressures, potentially leading to higher rates of poverty and financial instability across the country. In conclusion, I urge Enbridge to reconsider this rate increase. Canadian families should not have to bear the burden of corporate financial planning failures. It is time for Enbridge to prioritize the well-being of its customers over its profit margins. Sincerely, Josee

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes