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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

I am writing to formally object to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s application to increase natural gas distribution rates effective January 1, 2026. While I understand the request is tied to an OEB-approved formula, I believe this application should be rejected for the following reasons:

1. **Unjustified Financial Burden on Consumers During Record Low Affordability** Affordability is already at an all-time low, with households and small businesses facing unprecedented financial pressures from high inflation, rising interest rates, and escalating living costs. In such circumstances, essential services like energy should have reduced rates to protect consumers, not increased charges that further strain already limited budgets.
2. **Insufficient Evidence of Efficiency Gains or Cost Controls** The application references an inflation-based formula intended to promote efficiency but does not demonstrate concrete efficiency gains or meaningful cost control measures. Without such demonstrated performance, passing any additional costs to consumers is unreasonable.
3. **Additional Riders and Charges Intensify Hardship Without Clear Benefit** The proposed updates to Miscellaneous Service Charges, the hydrogen gas rate rider Rider M, and Panhandle Regional Expansion Project unit rates are being introduced alongside the rate increase, yet no detailed cost-benefit analysis has been provided. Adding these charges during a period of rising living costs risks embedding long-term expenses into customer bills without demonstrating direct service improvements or meaningful consumer benefit. For these reasons, I urge the Ontario Energy Board to reject this application or require substantial revisions that prioritize cost savings, equitable treatment, and consumer protection.

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes