



## LETTER OF COMMENT

### Comments:

Dear OEB, I plead you reconsider Enbridge's application to raise rates against residential consumers and small businesses. Although they are following your approved formula, these higher costs can put a huge strain on households. Especially with the current inflation/cost of living crisis as-is, many households are already struggling to get by. It is not inconceivable that, for those made most vulnerable by the cost of living crisis, these cost increases may push those families to have to choose between essential goods, such as foodstuffs and medicine. Demographics that come to mind are seniors on fixed pensions and service workers -- who often do some of society's most valuable work -- but whose wages have not kept up the past few years. For small businesses, increased utility costs can severely impact their bottom line, potentially forcing them to raise prices, reduce staff, or even close down. I've already seen several stores/shopfronts close around town this year alone. This economic pressure can stifle local growth, reduce consumer spending, and create a ripple effect throughout the community. A more sustainable approach for companies like Enbridge is to explore other options like improving operational efficiency or seeking government subsidies, which can protect vulnerable consumers and support the local economy. I hope my concerns reach your highest considerations.

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**Do you reside in the impacted service area?:** Yes