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## **LETTER OF COMMENT**

## Comments:

Natural gas is used primarily for heating, so demand and prices are often highest in the winter months when demand increases. Higher production levels can increase supply and lower prices. But not when OEB approves higher rate allowances in a non competitive industry. In 2023, 11.1% of Ontario's population, or approximately 1.7 million people, were living in poverty. Asking for higher rates and approval of these increases simply punishes low income individuals trying to keep warm during the winter. A necessity of life. I myself live alone and live on a fixed income. I cannot see a cost effective future in the horizon for living in CANADA. Retirement looks bleak. Rising costs of food, housing, insurance and taxes make it really hard not highlight my concerns with higher costs of natural gas. Whether it affects my zone or another zone.

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: No