

## **LETTER OF COMMENT**

### **Comments:**

Dear Ontario Energy Board Members, I am writing as a resident of Mount Albert in York Region and an Enbridge Gas customer to express my concern and opposition to the proposed natural gas distribution rate increase, scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2026. While I understand that operational costs and inflation may require periodic adjustments, the proposed increase—ranging from approximately \$31 to \$46 annually for residential customers—will add an additional financial burden to households already facing rising costs of living. In York Region, housing, property taxes, food, and other utility costs have already increased significantly in recent years, leaving families with little room to absorb further increases. In addition, winters in Mount Albert and the surrounding region are long and cold, and natural gas is an essential service for heating homes. Residents cannot reduce their dependence on heating during the winter months, which means this increase will be unavoidable and especially difficult for seniors, families with children, and those on fixed or modest incomes. I respectfully request that the OEB carefully review the necessity of this increase, explore cost-control measures within Enbridge Gas's operations, and consider alternatives that would minimize the financial impact on consumers in York Region and across Ontario. Thank you for considering my input on this matter.

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**Do you reside in the impacted service area?:** No