# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

# Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

# Learn More. Have your say.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. will see the following one-time billing adjustment, effective October 1, 2021:

# **Residential Customer Bill Impacts**

Rate Classes	One-time billing adjustment, effective October 1, 2021
Enbridge Gas Distribution Rate 1	\$ 5.30 (Credit)
Union Gas South Rate M1	\$ 7.97 (Charge)
Union Gas North West Rate 01	\$ 30.08 (Credit)
Union Gas North East Rate 01	\$ 7.26 (Charge)

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Enbridge Gas Inc. is required to share with customers any earnings that are 150 basis points over the OEB-approved return on equity. Enbridge Gas Inc. says that its 2020 earnings were below the 150 basis point threshold and as a result it is not proposing to share any earnings with customers.

# THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will review Enbridge Gas's 2020 earnings and the deferral account balances that are requested for disposition. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas's request to dispose of the deferral account balances.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

# **BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY**

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Enbridge Gas's application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas's request. Apply by **July 9, 2021** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the <u>Practice</u> <u>Direction on Cost Awards</u> and only in relation to the following:

1) The review of the following deferral and variance accounts:

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) Accounts

- Storage and Transportation Deferral Account
- Transactional Services Deferral Account
- Unaccounted-For Gas Variance Account
- Average Use True-Up Variance Account
- Deferred Rebate Account
- Transition Impact of Accounting Charges Deferral Account
- Ontario Energy Board Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Dawn Access Costs Deferral Account

Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited) Accounts

- Upstream Transportation Optimization Deferral Account
- Unabsorbed Demand Costs Variance Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account Supply
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account Transport
- Base Service North T-Service TransCanada Capacity Deferral Account
- Short-Term Storage and Other Balancing Services Deferral Account
  Normalized Average Consumption Deferral Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account

- Ontario Energy Board Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Parkway West Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo C Compressor/Hamilton-Milton Pipeline Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo D/Bright C/Dawn H Compressor Project Costs Deferral Account
- Panhandle Reinforcement Project Costs Deferral Account
- Pension and OPEB Forecast Accrual vs. Actual Cash Payment Differential Variance Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Price Variance Account

Enbridge Gas Inc. Accounts

- Earnings Sharing Deferral Account
- Tax Variance Deferral Account
- Accounting Policy Changes Deferral Account

2) The review of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2020 earnings, earnings sharing calculations and the 2020 Performance Scorecard.

3) The review of the methodology for disposing and allocating the deferral and variance account balances.

#### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Enbridge Gas's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0149**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0149** or select it from the list of file numbers on the OEB website: <u>www.oeb.ca/notice</u>. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### **ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 9, 2021**.

#### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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For a complete copy of this Letter including all Exhibits, please contact Legislative Services by email at agenda@caledon.ca

# VIA RESS AND EMAIL

Ms. Christine Long Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

# Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No.: EB-2021-0149 2020 Utility Earnings and 2019 Utility Earnings and Disposition of Deferral & <u>Variance Account Balances Application and Evidence</u>

Effective January 1, 2019, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGD") and Union Gas Limited ("Union") amalgamated to become Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas"). Enclosed is the application and evidence submitted by Enbridge Gas addressing 2020 utility earnings and the disposition and recovery of certain 2020 deferral and variance account balances (the "Application") for all Enbridge Gas rate zones (EGD, Union North and Union South) and for Enbridge Gas.

The Application is supported by evidence which is outlined below:

Exhibit A: Overview and Introduction

Exhibit B: Utility Results and Earnings Sharing

Exhibit C: Enbridge Gas Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit D: EGD Rate Zone Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit E: Union Rate Zones Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit F: Rate Allocation

Exhibit G: OEB Scorecard

Enbridge Gas proposes to dispose of the approved 2020 deferral and variance account balances with the first QRAM application following the OEB's approval, which is assumed to be October 1, 2021.

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In accordance with the OEB's revised Practice Direction on Confidential Filings effective February 17, 2021, sensitive information has been redacted from the following exhibit:

• Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 6

The confidential Exhibit is being sent separately via email to the OEB.

The above noted submission has been filed electronically through the OEB's RESS and will be made available on Enbridge Gas's website at: <u>https://www.enbridgegas.com/Regulatory-Proceedings</u>

In the event that you have any questions on the above or would like to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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