

NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to increase its natural gas distribution rates

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to increase its natural gas rates effective April 1, 2024, to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* and the regulations under the *Ontario Emissions Performance Standards*, as well as to recover other related account balances.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. would see the following annual increase:

EGD Rate Zone (2,400 m³)	\$69.91
Union South Rate Zone (2,200 m³)	\$63.72
Union North Rate Zone (2,200 m³)	\$63.97

For a typical residential customer, these increases include an annual bill increase arising from the 2024 carbon charges of \$68.79 (EGD) and \$62.91 (Union South and Union North); plus, a one-time charge of \$1.12 (EGD), \$0.81 (Union South) and \$1.06 (Union North) to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

The federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* establishes a carbon pricing program under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas Inc., is required to pay a carbon charge to the federal government on the volume of natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and on the volume of natural gas used in the operation of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s natural gas distribution system. The federal carbon charge came into effect on April 1, 2019, has increased annually on April 1st between 2020 and 2023 and will increase again on April 1, 2024.

The *Ontario Emissions Performance Standards* program is the Ontario government's carbon pricing system for industrial emitters that came into effect on January 1, 2022, and replaced the federal government's Output-Based Pricing System in Ontario.

This hearing will be held under section 78 of the **Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**.

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB intends to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2023-0196** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 7, 2023** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

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. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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