

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

**Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective April 1, 2020, to recover costs associated with the federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, and to recover certain related account balances.**

**Learn more. Have your say.**

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to increase its rates effective April 1, 2020, to recover the costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*. Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

The *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* establishes a carbon pricing program under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas, is required to pay a carbon charge for the natural gas that it delivers to its customers. The carbon charge came into effect on April 1, 2019, and will increase on April 1, 2020. The costs related to emissions from the operation of Enbridge Gas' natural gas distribution system are also increasing.

Enbridge Gas says that if its application is approved as filed, it will have the following bill impacts:

- A typical residential customer in the EGD rate zone (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) will see a bill increase of \$68.75. This is composed of a \$47.16 yearly bill increase arising from the 2020 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$21.59, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.
- A typical residential customer in the Union South rate zone (former customers of Union Gas Limited), will see a bill increase of \$61.32. This is composed of a \$43.15 yearly bill increase from the 2020 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$18.17, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.
- A typical residential customer in the Union North rate zone (former customers of Union Gas Limited), will see a bill increase of \$61.97. This is composed of a \$43.15 yearly bill increase arising from the 2020 carbon charges, plus a one-time charge of \$18.82, to recover the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

**Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you will be affected by the changes.**

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas. During the hearing, the OEB will question Enbridge Gas on its application and will hear questions and arguments from participants (called intervenors) that have registered to actively participate in the hearing.

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 the application filed by Enbridge Gas 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 active participant (called an intervenor). As an intervenor, you can ask questions and make arguments about Enbridge Gas' application. Apply by **January 27, 2020** 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.

## LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2019-0247**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2019-0247** on the OEB website: **[www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice)**. You can also phone our Consumer Relations 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 is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **January 27, 2020**.

## 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 e-mail 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, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).*

