# BACKGROUNDER



**DECISION AND RATE ORDER** EB-2025-0163 ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

### Decision on Enbridge's Application to Change its Natural Gas Rates and Other Charges

On November 20, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its Decision and Order approving a settlement proposal related to Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge) application to change distribution rates for each of its rate zones effective January 1, 2026. The OEB approved the settlement proposal having found that it results in a reasonable outcome for ratepayers.

For a typical residential customer, the bill impact is estimated at 3.5% to 4% depending on the rate zone. Detailed bill impacts are outlined in the Draft Rate Order.1

In addition to rate changes under its OEB-approved Incentive Rate-Setting Mechanism<sup>2</sup> framework, Enbridge received approval for a revenue adjustment to account for the impact of the consumer Federal Carbon Charge being set to zero as of April 1, 2025. Enbridge will also credit ratepayers \$12.72M in 2026 related to the Federal Carbon Charge amounts collected prior to 2024.

These rates will be interim, pending the outcome of an appeal and judicial review related to aspects of the Phase 1 Rebasing decision.<sup>3</sup>

#### **INTERVENORS**

Intervenors are individuals or groups who have permission to participate in a hearing before the OEB because they have a substantial interest in the proceeding. A list of the 10 parties that were approved as intervenors in this proceeding is available on page two of this Decision.

#### **ABOUT THE OEB**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EB-2022-0200



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2025-0163 Settlement Proposal and Draft Rate Order, October 23, 2025, Exhibit C, Tab 1, Working Papers, Schedule 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2024-0111 Enbridge Gas rebasing Phase 2

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