

## **DECISION**

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas New Brunswick for approval of a change in Distribution Rates.

October 22, 2007

Enbridge Gas New Brunswick ("Enbridge"), filed a rate reinstatement application with the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (the "Board") on October 17, 2007. The application requested approval for a partial reinstatement of distribution rates for the Small General Service Residential Electric, Small General Service Residential Oil, Small General Service Commercial, distribution classes as of November 1, 2007. The application also requested that the distribution rates for the General Service and Contract General Service classes be reinstated to the maximum approved rates effective November 1, 2007.

Section 56 of the Gas Distribution Act states that a distributor shall not make any change to its rates or tariffs for distribution without Board approval and after a proceeding determined by the Board. The rate rider mechanism, approved in June of 2000, allows the company to lower its rates below the maximum approved rate for a class. The rate reinstatement mechanism, which allows the company to increase its rates up to the maximum approved rate, was approved by the Board in November of 2003.

The distribution rates currently charged by Enbridge for those classes involved in this application are lower than the Board's maximum approved rates. A rate rider for Small General Service Residential Electric was approved on December 20, 2006. Current rates for the Small General Service Residential Oil, Small General Service Commercial, General Service and Contract General Service were approved on September 20, 2007.

Enbridge's requested rates would not exceed the maximum rates approved by the Board. The following is Enbridge's rate proposal:

	Approved Delivery Rate	Current Reduced Delivery Rate	Rate Reinstatement	Proposed Delivery Rate
Rate Class	(\$/GJ)	(\$/GJ)	(\$/GJ)	(\$/GJ)
Small General Service				
Residential Electric	\$7.6212	\$2.3487	\$1.0890	\$3.4377
Small General Service				
Residential Oil	\$7.6212	\$6.8782	\$0.4391	\$7.3173
Small General Service				
Commercial	\$7.6212	\$6.6465	\$0.4188	\$7.0653
General Service	\$7.1820	\$6.6155	\$0.5665	\$7.1820
Contract General Service	\$5.8919	\$5.5915	\$0.3004	\$5.8919

The Board has reviewed Enbridge's rate reinstatement application that included its written rationale and supporting market data. The Board has considered other market information in its review of the application. The Board has not received any comments from the gas marketers with respect to this application.

The Board approves Enbridge's rate reinstatement application for a change in rates effective November 1, 2007.

Dated at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2007.

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