# IN THE MATTER OF ENBRIDGE GAS NEW BRUNSWICK RESIDENTIAL RATE CHANGE

## **ORDER**

Whereas Enbridge Gas New Brunswick (EGNB) is the general franchise holder for the distribution of natural gas in the Province of New Brunswick and provides for the delivery of natural gas to various classes of customers;

And whereas, pursuant to section 56 of the *Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, a gas distributor shall not make any change to its rates or tariffs, except with the approval of the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board);

And whereas section 52.3 of *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999* requires the Board to take such measures as it considers necessary to combine the Small General Service Residential Electric (SGSRE) Class and the Small General Service Residential Oil (SGSRO) Class into a new class of customers;

And whereas section 52.3 of the said Act requires that the rates and tariffs currently approved for the SGSRE Class shall apply to the new class of customers;

And whereas the Board has provided an opportunity for all interested residential customers and EGNB to comment on this change to the rates and tariffs;

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

- The SGSRE class and the SGSRO class shall be combined into one rate class which will be titled the Small General Service Residential (SGSR) class.
- 2. The schedule of rates and tariffs for the new SGSR class will be as described in the attached Schedule A.
- 3. EGNB is directed to make any other incidental change to the *Handbook of Rates and Distribution Charges* as may be required to comply with this Order.
- 4. EGNB is directed to file a copy of all changes to the *Handbook of Rates* and *Distribution Charges* with the Board on an immediate basis.

- 5. EGNB is directed to post a copy of this Order on their website for a period of thirty (30) days.
- 6. This Order is effective as of March 1, 2012.

Dated at Saint John, N.B. this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Raymond Gorman, Q.C.

Chairman

Cyril Yohnston
Vice-Chairman

Patrick Darrah Board Member

## Schedule A

#### NUMBER

SGSR

## **SMALL GENERAL SERVICE RESIDENTIAL**

#### **APPLICABILITY**

The Small General Service Residential (SGSR) Class includes any existing customer in the Small General Service Residential Electric Class or any existing customer in the Small General Service Residential Oil Class as of March 1, 2012.

Small General Service Residential includes any customer who falls into either of the following definitions:

## a) Small General Service Residential Electric

Small General Service Residential Electric Rate is applied to any Applicant who is the owner or tenant of a dwelling unit where the primary electric space heating and domestic hot water equipment was replaced with equipment using natural gas or any Applicant who is the owner or tenant of a dwelling unit that was built using natural gas equipment for heat and hot water requirements, requiring to use the Company's Distribution System to have a supply of natural gas transported to that single dwelling unit served through one meter.

# b) Small General Service Residential Oil

Small General Service Residential Oil Rate is applied to any Applicant requiring to use EGNB's Distribution System to have a supply of natural gas transported to a single dwelling unit served through one meter that does not meet the applicability requirements of the SGSRE Rate.

RATE	
Monthly Distribution Customer Charge:	
\$ per month	16.00
Monthly Distribution Delivery Charge:	
For all volumes delivered per month (\$ per GJ)	10.5087

The rates quoted above shall be subject to adjustments that reflect all taxes including HST. The rates will also be subject to the Revenue Adjustment Rate Rider contained in Rider A.

## Minimum Monthly Charge:

The minimum monthly charge shall be the Monthly Distribution Customer Charge.

## Minimum Annual Charge:

None.

## Term of Service:

One (1) year with automatic annual renewal unless the Applicant notifies EGNB thirty (30) days prior to the annual roll over date that service is to be discontinued.

## **Terms and Conditions of Service:**

The provisions of Parts II, III, IV, V, VI and VII of EGNB's **Handbook of Rates** and **Distribution Services** apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

#### **Effective Date:**

To apply to all bills rendered for gas transported on and after March 1, 2012.