



EB-2006-0034

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas
Distribution Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution,
transmission and storage of gas to be effective January 1,
2007.

BEFORE: Gordon Kaiser
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION

Open Bill Access Application Filing Extension

On July 5, 2007 the Board issued its Decision with Reasons – Phase 1 concerning the Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) application for rates for 2007. The Board had assigned file number EB-2006-0034 to the proceeding. As part of that proceeding, the Board approved a Settlement Proposal which was filed on February 12, 2007. Appendix D of that Settlement Proposal addresses the settlement of Issue 7.5 “SUPPLEMENTARY SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL: ISSUE 7.5”. The issue was entitled: “Is the Applicant’s proposal of open bill access appropriate and consistent with the Board’s direction in RP-2005-0001?”

On page 2 of Appendix D of the Settlement Proposal, the Company agreed to file an application with the Board prior to the end of 2008 proposing the comprehensive billing insert service offering. The settlement included a description of what the application would include.

On December 5, 2008 the Board received a letter from Enbridge requesting an extension to the filing date of the application to February 13, 2009. Another letter on the matter dated December 16, 2008 was received from Enbridge indicating that notice of the extension had been provided to the participating parties and that no party had voiced opposition to the extension request and in fact many are supportive of an extension. The Board granted the extension request.

On February 10, 2009 the Board received another letter from Enbridge requesting the filing date of the application be extended to March 27, 2009. The reason for the request was that while parties have made progress in identifying and narrowing issues they have not been able to reach resolution. Enbridge copied all parties on the February 10 letter and the letter names the parties making the request for the further extension.

The Board finds that the extension request is reasonable and that Enbridge may file its application by March 27, 2009.

DATED at Toronto, February 19, 2009.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary