



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, 2008. The reason for the request is that there is not enough time for the consultative/stakeholder group to assess a consultant's report that is a key input to the understanding of the issues. The consultant's final report was not expected to be available until December 19, 2008. 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. The letter indicated that no party has voiced opposition to the extension request and in fact many are supportive of an extension.

The Board finds that the extension request is reasonable and that Enbridge may file its application by February 13, 2009.

DATED at Toronto, December 19, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By
On Behalf of the Panel*

Gordon Kaiser
Vice Chair and Presiding Member