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### **BY EMAIL AND COURIER**

Ms. Lorraine R. Légère Secretary to the Board New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board P.O. Box 5001 15 Market Square, Suite 1400 Saint John, NB E2L 1E8

Dear Ms. Légère:

## Enbridge Gas New Brunswick - Rate Reinstatement

In response to changes in the energy market over the past month, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick ("EGNB") is filing a request for Revenue Adjustment Rate Riders ("Rate Riders") to reinstate delivery rates to approved levels in the Small General Service Residential Oil ("SGSRO") and Small General Service Commercial ("SGSC") rate classes, as follows:

Rate Class	Approved Delivery Rate (\$/GJ)	Current Reduced Delivery Rate ( <u>\$/GJ)</u>	Rate Reinstatement <u>(\$/GJ)</u>	Proposed Delivery Rate (\$/GJ)
Small General Service Residential Oil	\$7.6212	\$6.8782	\$0.3039	\$7.6212
Small General Service Commercial	\$7.6212	\$6.6465	\$0.5559	\$7.6212

EGNB requests that the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board ("Board") approve the proposed rate reinstatements effective December 1, 2007. The proposed adjustments are justified on the basis that forward wholesale oil prices have increased relative to natural gas, compared with the prices underpinning EGNB's Rate Reinstatement application of October 17, 2007. As a result, the competitive position of natural gas has improved. EGNB anticipates retail oil prices in New Brunswick to range from \$0.75 to \$0.79 per litre within the commercial and residential market segments respectively, an increase of approximately \$0.04 per litre or \$1.00 per GJ.

Enclosed please find Schedule "C", the Derivation of Target Distribution Rates that outlines the economic data supporting this request. As has been previously discussed with Board staff, this economic data, while important, is not the only factor in determining the requested Rate Riders. EGNB takes into consideration more subjective or qualitative knowledge that it has of the actual economic situation of customer classes, such as actual gas prices, consumption patterns and customer expectations regarding savings. EGNB is requesting the Board approve the proposed Rate Riders, as outlined in Schedule "A", effective December 1, 2007.

#### **Customer Communication**

EGNB is proposing customer communication consisting of a short on-bill message and a website posting as outlined in its previous applications. The proposed website notification is attached as Schedule "B".

EGNB has not received any customer requests to date for email notification of rate changes but will continue to present this option to customers.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me.

Yours truly,

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#### **Enclosures**

c.c. Competitive Energy Services, LLC
Corridor Resources Inc.
ECNG Limited Partnership
Energistics Group Inc.
Irving Energy Services Limited
Park Fuels Ltd.
Superior Propane Inc.

# Schedule "A"

## REVENUE ADJUSTMENT RATE RIDER

The following adjustments shall be applicable to all bills issued on and after December 1, 2007:

Rate Class	Approved Delivery Rate <u>(\$/GJ)</u>	Rate Reduction (\$/GJ)	Reduced or Reinstated Delivery Rate (\$/GJ)	
Small General Service Residential Oil (SGSRO)	7.6212	0.000	7.6212	
Small General Service Commercial (SGSC)	7.6212	0.000	7.6212	



#### Schedule "B"

### **Notice of Rate Adjustments**

Enbridge Gas New Brunswick (EGNB) would like to advise you, our valued customer, of changes to our distribution rates, effective December 1, 2007. EGNB has received approval from the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board to adjust natural gas delivery charges.

There are three charges that determine your total cost of natural gas. The first is the monthly customer or demand charge which is not being adjusted. The second is the delivery charge which is increasing. The third, and the largest component of your total natural gas cost, is the charge for supply of the natural gas commodity.

EGNB delivers natural gas to customers at rates which are based on local market conditions targeted to provide savings against alternate energy products. In recent months, oil prices have increased while natural gas commodity prices have remained relatively stable. Based on these changes in the market place, EGNB has received approval to increase delivery charges in the Small General Service Residential Oil ("SGSRO") and Small General Service Commercial ("SGSC) rate classes. These changes are outlined in the table below.

Natural Gas Distribution Charges as of December 1, 2007

RATE CLASS	Customer or Demand Charge	Approved Delivery Charge (\$/GJ)	Current Reduced Delivery Charge (\$/GJ)	December 2007 Adjusted Delivery Charge (\$/GJ)
Small General Service Residential Oil (SGSRO)	\$16.00/month	\$7.6212	\$7.3173	\$7.6212
Small General Service Commercial (SGSC)	\$16.00/month	\$7.6212	\$7.0653	\$7.6212

EGNB provides safe, reliable distribution of natural gas. The price that EGNB charges for the distribution of natural gas is regulated by the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board and can only change with their approval. <sup>1</sup> The price is based on market conditions and may increase or decrease significantly over time. If you wish to receive notification of delivery rate changes in the future by email, please email us at <a href="mailbox@egnb.enbridge.com">egnb.enbridge.com</a>. For more information about EGNB, these delivery rate adjustments or the current price for supply of Enbridge Utility Gas, call toll free at 1-800-994-2762 or visit <a href="https://www.naturalgasnb.com">www.naturalgasnb.com</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This applies only to the customer or demand charge and delivery charge, which together constitute the distribution charge.

# Schedule "C"

	Derivation of Target Distribution Rates - Opposite Light Fuel Oil				
Line	Item	SGSRO	SGSC		
(1)	Retail Oil Price (\$/L)	0.7901	0.7526		
(2)	Retail Oil Price (\$/GJ)	20.23	19.27		
(3)	Typical Annual Oil Consumption (L)	3,769	6,460		
(4)	Typical Annual Oil Consumption (GJ)	146	250		
(5)	Annual Oil Cost (\$) (Line 1 x Line 3)	2,978	4,862		
(6)	Target Savings Level (%)	20%	20%		
(7)	Target Annual Savings (\$) (Line 5 x Line 6)	596	972		
(8)	Typical Annual Natural Gas Cost (\$) (Line 5 minus Line 7)	2,383	3,890		
(9)	Typical Annual Natural Gas Consumption (GJ)	114	195		
(10)	Target Natural Gas Burner Tip Unit Price (\$/GJ) (Line 8 divided by Line 9)	20.90	19.95		
(11)	Commodity Price (\$/GJ)	10.80	10.80		
(12)	Target Distribution Rate (\$/GJ)	10.0992	9.1472		
	(Line 10 minus Line 11)	ę			
(13)	Annual Target Distribution Charge between Monthly a  Annual Target Distribution Charge per Customer (\$) (Line 12 x Line 9)	and Delivery Cl	harges:		
(14)	Monthly Customer Charge (\$)	1,151	1,784		
(14) $(15)$	_ ' '	16.00	16.00		
	Annual Customer Charge (\$) (Line 14 x 12 months)	192	192		
(16)	Monthly Demand Charge (\$/GJ)	N/A	N/A		
(17)	Average Monthly Contract Demand (GJ)		·		
(18)	Annual Demand Charge (\$)	N/A	N/A		
	(Line 17 x 12 months x Line 16)	N/A	N/A		
(19)	Annual Delivery Charge per Customer (\$) (Line 13 minus Line 15 minus Line 18)	959	1,592		
(20)	Delivery Charge per GJ (\$)		1,572		
	(Line 19 divided by Line 9)	8.4150	8.1625		