

## DECISION

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

September 20, 2007

Enbridge Gas New Brunswick ("Enbridge"), filed a rate reinstatement application with the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (the "Board") on September 14, 2007. The application requested approval for a partial reinstatement of distribution rates for the Small General Service Residential Oil, Small General Service Commercial, General Service and Contract General Service distribution rate classes as of October 1, 2007.

The distribution rates currently charged by Enbridge for those classes are lower than the Board's maximum approved rates. A rate rider application that had reduced distribution rates was approved on December 21, 2005. Enbridge's rate reinstatement application for its current rates for the Small General Service classes was approved on December 20, 2006. Approval of its rate reinstatement application for its current rates for the General Service and Contract General Service classes was given on January 29, 2007.

Enbridge is requesting approval of an increase to its current distribution rates. The proposed rates, if approved, would still be lower than the Board approved maximum rates that Enbridge may charge for those classes. Following is Enbridge's rate proposal:

	Approved elivery Rate	Current Reduced Delivery Rate	Rate Reinstatement	Proposed Delivery Rate
Rate Class	<u>(\$/GJ)</u>	<u>(\$/GJ)</u>	<u>(\$/GJ)</u>	<u>(\$/GJ)</u>
Small General Service Residential Oil	\$7.6212	\$6.5813	\$0.2969	\$6.8782
Small General Service Commercial	\$7.6212	\$6.3195	\$0.3270	\$6.6465
General Service	\$7.1820	\$5.6820	\$0.9335	\$6.6155
Contract General Service	\$5.8919	\$4.9919	\$0.5996	\$5.5915

Section 56 of the Gas Distribution Act, 1999 (the "GDA"), states that a gas distributor may not make any change to its rates or tariffs for the distribution of gas except with the approval of the Board. Section 72 of the Act gives the Board its authority to hear an application and to determine its own procedure regarding any matter. The procedure to hear an application for a rate reinstatement was approved on November 17, 2003.

The Board has reviewed Enbridge's rate reinstatement application that included its written rationale and supporting market data. The Board has also considered other market information in its review of the application.

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

## Dated at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 2 Day of September, 2007.

Raymond Gorman, Q.C., Chairman

Cyfil W. Johnston, Vice-Chairman

Wanita McGraw, Member

Don Barnett, Member

Steve Toner, Member