## SCHEDULE 3.4

2018 and 2019 Budget Assumptions

## 2018 - 19 Budgets Assumptions

3 The following assumptions were used by EGNB in the development of its 2018 and 2019 Budgets:

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5	5 Budget Item		Assumption								
6	Major Assu	umptions									
7 Cost of Capital ROE of 10.9%, as approved by the Board in Cost of Capital proceeding (NBEUB 2010-003) and prescribed in amendments to the											
			Distribution Act dated December 16, 2016.								
8			55/45 debt/equity ratio.								
9			Cost of debt maintained at Enbridge Inc. cost of borrowing plus 1%.								
10	Inflation	1	Cost of living increase of 2.0% applied to salaries only in 2018 and to all O&M in 2019.								
11	Property, P	Plant & Equipment									
12	Comput	ter Hardware	Detailed review of requirements, scheduled replacements and upgrades.								
13	Comput	ter Software	Detailed review of requirements and upgrades.								
14	Tools ar	nd Work Equipment	Detailed review of requirements, scheduled replacements and improvements.								
15	Office F	Furniture and Equipment	Detailed review of requirements and scheduled equipment replacements.								
16	Transpo	ortation Equipment	Detailed review of requirements and scheduled replacements.								
17	Commu	unications Equipment	Detailed review of requirements and scheduled replacements.								
18	Leaseho	old Improvements	Detailed review of requirements, scheduled replacements and improvements.								
19	Land		No incremental land acquisitions.								
20	Distribu	ntion Mains	Based on anticipated new mains to support attachments not on main in the communities currently served.								
21			at forecast costs, with allowance for main relocations and sewer conflict resolution.								
22			In-house construction model with EGNB crews and local contractors .								
23	Street S	Services	Based on anticipated attachments at forecast unit rates.								
24	Meters	and Regulators	Based on anticipated attachments at forecast unit rates.								
25	Stations	S	Based on historic station costs and anticipated station(s).								

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1	Budg	get Item	Assumption
2	Ac	ccumulated Amortization	Based on Board approved amortization rates.
3	Ne	et Book Value	Cost less Accumulated Amortization.
4	Co	onstruction Work in Progress	There will be the same value of work in progress open at the end of 2018 and 2019 as there was at the beginning
5			of 2018 and 2019.
6	Defer	red Charges	
7	De	eferred Development Costs - Net	Deferred Development Costs less amortization at Board approved rate. Intangible software has been reclassified
8			from Property, Plant and Equipment to Deferred Costs.
9	D€	evelopment O&M	There are no new forecast additions to Development O&M in 2018 and 2019. Net change to Development O&M
10	Ca	apitalized Costs - Net	resulting from amortization at Board approved rate.
11	Re	egulatory Deferral	2016 Actual Year End balance adjusted to \$144.5 million as per Gas Distribution Act amendments dated December 16, 2016.
12			The Regulatory Deferral Account has been excluded from rate base for purposes of calculating return
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14	Short	Term Investments	Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Firm Service Agreement security deposit remains constant.
15	Non-l	Ratebase Assets	
16	Ca	ash, & Short Term	Estimated cash requirements based on an assessment of cash flow items.
17	In	vestments	
18	Ac	ccounts Receivable	30 days to receive cash for Distribution Revenue, Gas Sales and ABC, monthly forecast data relied upon.
19	In	ventory	No significant changes in level of inventory forecasted.
20	Partne	ers Equity	Assumed equity levels are forecasted to average approximately 45% for the year.
21	Long-	-term Advances from	Budget assumes no retirement and replacement of promissory notes in 2018 and 3 retirements and 3 replacements of
22	Assoc	ciates and Affiliates	promissory notes in 2019.
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24	Non-l	Ratebase Liabilities	
25	Sh	nort Term Indebtedness	No estimated short term borrowing required during 2018 or 2019 to manage cash flow.

1	Budget Item	Assumption
2	Accounts Payable	30 days for payment on obligations related to:
3		- 78% of O&M expenses excluding salary and benefits
4		- property tax
5		- firm service agreement
6		- natural gas costs
7		- installation and service activities
8		- 100% of salary and benefits
9		60 days for payment on obligations related to:
10		- 22% of O&M expenses excluding salaries and benefits
11		- services, meters and stations
12		- work in progress from property, plant and equipment
13		- general plant
14	Long Term Deferred	Forecast year-end balance for 2017 assumed to remain constant in 2018 and 2019.
15	Post Employment Liabilities	
16	Average Rate Base	Forecast timing of additions for 2018 and 2019 and the exclusion of the Regulatory Deferral Account as part of the
17		regulated assets.
18	Capital Structure	Managing of debt/equity ratio to Board approved 55/45 structure during 2018 and 2019.

Budget Ite	m	Assumption													
Operating R	Revenue														
Cumulat	ive Customers	Forecast consists of total for	recast cu	stomer	s to the	end of	2017 (	based o	n Apri	12017	actual re	sults a	nd		
		additions/losses forecast for	balance	of 201	7) plus	additio	ns forec	ast min	us lost	custom	ers fore	cast for	2018,		
		as shown below, based on a	review	of histo	ric atta	chment	rates ai	nd asses	ssment	of curre	ent mark	cet pote	ential.		
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					2018 F	orecas	t Custor	ner Ad	ditions	(net)					
		Customer Additions (net)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2018 Total
		Small General	(2)	(1)	(4)	(3)	(5)	(2)	(1)	-	(1)	3	-	4	(12)
		Mid General	(1)	1	3	7	6	5	-	7	9	8	7	7	59
		Large General	2	-	(1)	1	3	1	6	-	1	1	2	1	17
		Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
		Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		OPS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Total	(1)	-	(2)	5	4	4	5	7	9	14	9	12	66
		New Customers	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2018 Total
		Small General	4	5	2	1	1	4	4	6	5	8	6	10	56
		Mid General	10	10	7	10	10	10	8	11	12	12	10	11	121
		Large General	2	1	-	1	6	1	7	-	2	1	2	1	24
		Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
		Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		OPS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>-</u>
		Total	16	16	9	12	17	15	19	17	19	23	18	22	203
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		Lost Customers	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2018 Total
		Small General	(6)	(6)	(6)	(4)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(6)	(6)	
		Mid General	(11)	(9)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
		Large General	-	(1)	(1)	-	(3)	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	(7)
		Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		OPS	- (17)	- (16)	- (11)	- (7)	- (12)	- (11)	- (1.1)	- (10)	- (10)	- (0)	- (0)	- (10)	(427)
		Total	(17)	(16)	(11)	(7)	(13)	(11)	(14)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)	(137)

Budget Item	Assumption													
Operating Revenue														
Cumulative Customers	Forecast consists of total for	ecast cu	stomer	s to the	end of	2018 (	based o	n Apri	12017 a	actual re	esults a	nd		
	additions/losses forecast for	balance	of 201	7 and 2	018 ph	us addit	ions for	ecast n	ninus lo	st custo	mers fo	recast	for 201	9,
	as shown below, based on a				-									
				2019 F	orecas	t Custor	ner Ad	ditions	(net)					
	Customer Additions (net)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019 Total
	Small General	2	3	(1)	(2)	(4)	2	5	7	10	16	11	5	54
	Mid General	3	5	4	7	5	5	-	9	11	13	14	17	93
	Large General	2	-	(1)	1	(2)	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	8
	Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OPS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	7	8	2	6	(1)	8	6	17	23	29	26	24	155
	New Customers	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019 Total
	Small General	8	9	5	2	2	8	10	13	16	21	17	11	122
	Mid General	14	14	8	10	9	10	8	13	14	17	17	21	155
	Large General	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	3	-	1	2	15
	Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	24	24	13	13	12	19	20	27	33	38	35	34	292
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	Lost Customers	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019 Total
	Small General	(6)	(6)	(6)	(4)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(6)	(6)	(68)
	Mid General	(11)	(9)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(8)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(62)
	Large General  Contract General	-	(1)	(1)	-	(3)	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	(7)
	Industrial Contract General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	(17)	(16)	(11)	(7)	(13)	(11)	(14)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)	(137)

1	Bu	dget Item	Assumption
2			Methodology and Underlying Assumptions of the Net Lost Customer Process
3			"Lost Customer": A customer that is no longer consuming gas and has received a final bill.
4			"Recovered Customer": A "Lost Customer" that has been recovered and is now consuming gas.
5			"Maintained Customer": A customer with no change to their status within the specified period.
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7			Customer counts by class are reviewed on a monthly basis and are categorized as 1) New Attachment,
8			2) Maintained Customers, and 3) Lost Customers net of Recovered Customers.
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10			EGNB accounts for "Net Lost Customers" in budgets and forecasts, by adding together the Lost Customer
11			forecast and Recovered Customer forecast.
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13			Both the Lost Customer forecast and the Recovered Customer forecast are determined using historical data
14			averages by rate class.
15		Throughput	Existing Customers: The throughput forecast for existing customers is developed based on historic
16			consumption for each customer, adjusted for normal weather.
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18			New Customers: The throughput for new customers is developed based on expected consumption for each
19			customer that is forecasted to be attached based on either signed GJs or a standard profile and the time of
20			year that they are forecast to be attached. For new industrial customers (CGS, ICGS, OPS), throughput
21			forecast is based on specific customer information provided at time of customer signing.
22			For 2018 and 2019:
23			Regulated Rate Class Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Annual Annual
24			Volume Volume
25			Small General 14 16 11 12 7 3 2 2 2 6 7 84 0
26			Mid General 93 104 72 60 35 16 12 11 12 20 40 56 528 0
27			Large General 623 659 506 440 323 211 183 183 180 274 399 419 4400 0
28			
29		Rates	Distribution rates are set as per the amendments to the Gas Distribution Act dated December 16, 2016. The 2018
30			Small General Service class rate has been increased by 3% from \$9.445 to \$9.728. The 2019 Small General Service class rate has
31			been increased from \$9.728 to \$10.020. The distribution rates are unchanged for all other rate classes.
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1	Βι	ndget Item	Assumption						
2		Assumed throughput times assumed rates.							
3	ABC Revenue Number of ABC and AB customers plus capture of new additions based on historic data times existing rates								
4			with inflationary increase of 2.0%.						
5		Other Miscellaneous Revenue	- 0.2% interest on Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Firm Service Agreement security deposit						
6			- Late payment penalties budgeted at \$251K as calculated by average of 2015 and 2016 actuals						
7			- Transactional services budgeted at \$36K same as 2017 Budget						
8			- Red Lock Fees budgeted at \$25K as per EUB decision on Matter 306						
9			- Single End User Franchisee Fees budgeted at \$800K in 2018 budget similar to the \$400K in 2017 Budget plus additional \$400K for a catch						
10			up payment received in 2017 and \$400K in 2019 budget similar to the \$400K in 2017 Budget						
11	All	owance for Funds Used	Based on 25% of CWIP eligible for allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC") times the						
12	Dυ	ring Construction	weighted average cost of capital ("WACC")						
13	Se	rvice and Inspection							
14		Revenue	Based on anticipated service work to be performed by EGNB.						
15		Cost of Goods Sold	Service cost of goods sold ("COGS") based on the percentage of revenue from historic experience.						
16	Oŗ	perating expenses							
17									
18		Expenses							

1	Budget Item	Assumption									
2	Capitalized to Property,	O&M budget capitalized based on the following percentage assumptions:									
3	Plant and Equipment		2018	2019							
4		Corporate management	23.1 %	23.1 %							
5		Corporate administration	23.7 %	23.7 %							
6		Financial reporting	23.7 %	23.7 %							
7		Information technology	14.0 %	14.0 %							
8		Regulatory	0.0 %	0.0 %							
9		Sales & Marketing									
10		Sales	69.6 %	69.6 %							
11		Marketing (ex	scept below items) 87.6 %	87.6 %							
12		Marketing (Re	esearch) 25.0 %	25.0 %							
13		Marketing (S <sub>1</sub>	ponsorships) 25.0 %	25.0 %							
14		Incentives	100.0 %	100.0 %							
15		Communication	ons 23.1 %	23.1 %							
16		Distribution & maintenance									
17		Const. & Mai	int. 9.9 %	9.9 %							
18		Engineering Q	A 14.1 %	14.1 %							
19		Planning & Te	ech. 37.6 %	37.6 %							
20		Service	22.7 %	22.7 %							
21		Customer Experience									
22		Customer Car	re 2.5 %	2.5 %							
23		Logistics	23.5 %	23.5 %							
24		Work Mgmt.	Center 34.6 %	34.6 %							
25		Human resources	25.8 %	25.8 %							
26		Gas transportation and related activities	0.0 %	0.0 %							
27											
28		In 2012, capitalization of industry developr	ment O&M expenses to Developm	nent O&M had been eliminated.							
29		Incentives, previously capitalized to Development O&M, are now being capitalized to Property, Plant &									
30		Equipment. EGNB is budgeting \$450k and \$800k for incentive programs in 2018 and 2019 respectively.									
31	Bad debt expense	0.4% of yearly Distribution Revenue, Instal		venue.							
32	Municipal and Other Taxes	Existing tax rates applied to existing tax bas	se plus additions.								

1	Budget Item	Assumption
2	Amortization of Property, Plant	Based on Board approved amortization rates.
3	and Equipment	
4	Amortization of Deferred	Based on Board approved amortization rate.
5	Development Costs	
6	Regulatory Deferral	Regulatory Deferral account in 2018 and 2019 has been set at \$144.5 million as per the Gas Distribution Act amendments
7		dated December 16, 2016.
8	Tax	Accumulated tax loss carry forward used in 2018 and 2019.
9	Regulated Return on Equity	Average rate base times return on equity times equity proportion of capital structure.

10	Budget Item	Assumption
11		Other variances between the 2018 and 2019 Budgets not elsewhere specified
12		
13	Revenue	Gas distribution revenue is expected to increase by \$1.35 million from the 2018 Budget partially
14		due to customer additions as a result of incentive programs which will result in a larger customer
15		base in 2019 and higher gas distribution revenue. The 2019 distribution revenue also includes a
16		3% increase to the volumetric rate for SGS customers.
17	Expenses	For the 2019 Budget, EGNB has budgeted total expenses of \$31.7 million, \$193K over the 2018
18		Budget. The primary drivers of this variance are due to an increase in salaries and other
19		compensation for cost of living and capitalization of O&M spending, offset by lower pension
20		expenses. Amortization of property, plant and equipment is forecasted to be higher than 2018
21		Budget due to budgeted additions in 2019 offset by the retention program.
22	Rate Base	Average rate base is expected to increase by \$1.6 million in 2019 primarily due to the 2019
23		capital additions as a result of forecasted customer growth.
24	Cost of Capital Summary	Equity is forecast to increase by \$1.8 million due to earnings of \$16.8 million offset by a
25		forecasted distribution payout of \$15 million.