

SECTION 2.0  
Summary of Evidence

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2 Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Limited Partnership, as represented by its general partner  
3 Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Inc. (“EGNB”) has filed this application (“Application”) in  
4 accordance with the *Gas Distribution Act, 1999* (“GDA”) and the *Energy and Utilities Board Act*  
5 and its 2017 Regulatory Financial Statements in accordance with prior decisions of the New  
6 Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (“Board”). EGNB is seeking approval of its 2017  
7 Regulatory Financial Statements, modifications of EGNB’s System Expansion Portfolio (SEP)  
8 test and the establishment and use of variance accounts for its Residential and Commercial  
9 Incentive Programs as well as for the Retention and Winback Programs.

10 2017 Regulatory Financial Statements

11 EGNB’s 2017 Regulatory Financial Statements were filed on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as amended on  
12 October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. EGNB is seeking approval of the Regulatory Financial Statements from the  
13 Board.

14 SEP Test

15 Since the Board Decision dated May 16, 2011, the current SEP test has been the primary test  
16 used to evaluate the prudence of EGNB’s system expansion capital spending. As the test only  
17 considers capital spending and customer attachments within a calendar year, this can be  
18 inconsistent with the initial project feasibility evaluations where capital spent and attachments do  
19 not always occur in the same calendar year. EGNB proposes a modified SEP test which will  
20 provide a more appropriate evaluation of the prudence of EGNB’s capital spending. The details  
21 of the proposed modifications can be found in Section 4.0 and evidence from Black & Veatch  
22 relative to these modifications can be found in Section 6.0

1 Variance Accounts

2 During the hearing of Matter 371 – EGNB’s 2018 and 2019 Rate Application, the variance  
3 between approved budgets for marketing initiatives and the actual spending for these initiatives  
4 was discussed. As budgeted amounts and actual spending for incentives will almost always  
5 differ, EGNB proposes to establish and use variance accounts for specific marketing programs in  
6 order to ensure ratepayers are fully benefitting from the programs being borne by ratepayers.  
7 The details of the proposed variance accounts can be found in Section 5.0 and evidence from  
8 Black & Veatch relative to these accounts can be found in Section 6.0.

9 Curriculum Vitae

10 The information prepared and presented in the documents filed in support of Matter 398 are the  
11 written direct testimony of Gilles Volpé, David T. Lavigne, Pamela Mayo and Paul Volpé (in  
12 relation to everything other than Section 6.0) and Russell A. Feingold (Section 6.0). The  
13 Curriculum Vitae for Gilles Volpé, David T. Lavigne, Pamela Mayo, Paul Volpé and Russell A.  
14 Feingold can be found in Section 7.0.