## **SECTION 6.0**

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- 2 Under a COS model, a regulated entity is permitted to set rates that allow it the opportunity to
- 3 recover the costs of its regulated operations, including a fair rate of return on its investment
- 4 devoted to regulated operations.
- 5 This principle is consistent with what is expected to occur in a competitive market, where the
- 6 price of services trends towards the cost of providing them, including a fair return.
- 7 Cost of Service Methodology
- 8 In the December 23, 2014 Decision in the Matter of Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's ("EGNB")
- 9 Review of 2013 Regulatory Financial Statements/2015 Rate Application, the Board approved
- the Cost of Service Study as proposed by EGNB. EGNB used the same cost of service principles
- and processes for the purpose of the 2016 COS study.
- 12 <u>Revenue Requirement</u>
- 13 The revenue requirement provided in the 2016 Budget was used for the purpose of determining
- the distribution rates in the 2016 COS Model.
- 15 Allocators
- Allocators used in the 2016 COS study are consistent with those provided in support of the 2015
- 17 Rate Application. A copy of the Allocators is attached in Schedule 6.1 Allocators.

- 1 The results of the 2016 COS study can be found in Schedule 6.2 Cost of Service Model Data.
- COS Schedule 1 represents the results of the class cost of service study for 2016.
- COS Schedule 2 provides the summary of account functionalization.
- COS Schedule 3 summarizes the classification of the distribution function accounts.
- COS Schedule 4 provides the allocation of each account by classification and by rate class.
  - COS Schedule 5 provides a summary of the allocation factors by account and function.
- COS Schedule 6 provides a summary of the revenue requirement, revenue expected from proposed rates and the rates.

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