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OEB approves rate changes for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Toronto – Today the Ontario Energy Board approved changes to the rates charged by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. effective October 1, 2006. While there were no changes directly related to the forecast of the commodity rate, there were changes to the delivery rates charged by Enbridge as well as a change to the Gas Cost Adjustment between October 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. These changes will result in a slight decrease to the total costs for a typical residential customer.

A typical residential customer will now see a Gas Cost Adjustment refund of 11.5645 ¢/m³. It replaces the existing refund of 6.2430 ¢/m³ which was applicable through to December 31, 2006. The reimbursement is due to differences between the actual and forecasted cost of natural gas.

An average residential system gas customer using 3,064 cubic metres (m³) of natural gas per year will see a decrease of about \$2 annually on their bill.

Consumers purchasing their natural gas from a marketer (direct purchase customers) will also see a decrease of about \$2 annually to their bill.

The combined effect of the natural gas rate and the gas price adjustment results in the effective rate consumers will pay. For the period of October to December, 2006, the effective rate Enbridge customers will pay is 22.5072 ¢/m³.

Natural gas commodity rates are approved by the Board and can change every three months to reflect a forecast of market prices. The market price of natural gas varies depending on supply and demand and quarterly rate adjustments help reduce the risk of large, one-time adjustments to the consumer.

The Ontario Energy Board regulates the province's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest. It envisions a healthy and efficient energy sector with informed consumers, and works towards this vision through regulatory processes that are effective, fair and transparent.

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