

APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE)
GAS UTAH FOR AN) Docket No. 24-057-20
ADJUSTMENT TO THE)
LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE/) VERIFIED APPLICATION
ENERGY ASSISTANCE RATE)

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APPLICATION
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EXHIBITS

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE GAS UTAH COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE LOW INCOME/ ENERGY ASSISTANCE RATE	Docket No. 24-057-20 VERIFIED APPLICATION
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Questar Gas Company dba Enbridge Gas Utah (Enbridge Gas Utah or the Company) respectfully submits this Verified Application (Application) for an adjustment to the Energy Assistance Fund Rate, and a modification to the distribution non-gas (DNG) cost portions of its Utah natural gas rates, pursuant to §8.03 of the Company's Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 700 (Tariff).

If the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) grants this Application, typical residential customers using 70 Dth per year will see a decrease in their yearly bills of approximately \$0.05. The Company proposes to implement this request by charging the new rates effective November 1, 2024.

In support of this Application, Enbridge Gas Utah states:

1. Enbridge Gas Utah's Operations. Enbridge Gas Utah, a Utah corporation, is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas primarily to customers in the states of Utah and Wyoming. Its Utah public utility activities are regulated by the Commission, and the Company's rates, charges, and general conditions for natural gas service in Utah are set forth in the Tariff. Copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation are on file with the Commission. In addition, the Company serves customers in the Franklin County, Idaho area. Under the terms of an agreement between the Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the rates for these Idaho customers are determined by the Utah Commission. In Docket No 24-057-T04, the Commission approved changes to the Tariff that exclude Idaho customers from the Energy Assistance program. As such, volumes for these customers have been excluded from the Utah volumes.

2. Background. In the Report and Order dated July 29, 2010 in Docket No. 10-057-08, approving the Application of Enbridge Gas Utah Company for a Tariff Change Implementing a Low-Income Assistance Program (Order), the Commission authorized Enbridge Gas Utah to establish a balancing account, Account 191.8 of the Uniform System of Accounts, in which to record the debits and credits associated with the approved Low Income / Energy Assistance Program. This filing is made under the subsection Energy Assistance Fund in section §8.03 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering the costs associated with the Low Income / Energy Assistance Fund by means of periodic adjustments to maintain the \$1.5 million target funding level. In its approved application in Docket 10-057-08, the Company stated, "Enbridge Gas Utah also respectfully requests that the dollars collected and the costs associated with the Low-Income Assistance Program to be recorded in account number 191.8, and be subject to adjustment at least annually to ensure that the target funding level of \$1.5 million is maintained."

3. Adjustment of Account 191.8 Balance. EGU Exhibit 1.1 is a summary of the accounting entries and monthly balances for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (the Assistance Program). The collections, payouts, administrative charges and interest are shown on a month by month basis in columns B through E. Through the period ending July 2024 (EGU Exhibit 1.1, Line 28) the Company has over collected \$125,389 from customers on a cumulative basis since the beginning of the program. Therefore, this over collection has been subtracted from the allowed amount of \$1,500,000 so that \$1,374,611 will be collected from customers during the test period (line 30).

In this Application, Enbridge Gas Utah is proposing a credit of \$109 for participants in the Program beginning November 1, 2024. On September 18, 2024, Enbridge Gas Utah met with interested parties including representatives from the Utah Division of Public Utilities and the Utah Office of Consumer Services and those in attendance determined it was appropriate to adjust the credit to \$109. The credit is calculated by using an estimated 17,105 participants., which is based on total actual HEAT qualified customers from the 2024 period. The projected payout fund funding of \$1,874,278 (Exhibit 1.1 line 35) is divided by the 17,105 customers to derive the \$109 credit available to qualifying customers.

EGU Exhibit 1.1 line 33 also shows a payout amount of \$250,000 for a contribution to the Utah Department of Workforce Services Housing and Community Development Weatherization Assistance Program (the Weatherization Program). Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-13.6 (6)(a) provides that low income funding may be utilized for “replacement of an appliance with a more efficient appliance” and/or “other energy efficiency improvements to the eligible customer’s residence.” The Weatherization Program provides energy-efficient replacement

appliances to low-income households, as well as weatherization improvements and other energy-efficiency home improvements.

EGU Exhibit 1.2 shows a breakdown and proposal to collect those rates by each applicable class. Column D illustrates the revenue responsibility by class. This revenue responsibility is divided by the test period volumes to calculate a rate. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-13.6, those customers qualifying for program benefits are not charged the surcharge and, therefore, volumes attributable to program participants have been removed from the calculation. The rate calculation also takes into account the program and statutory requirement that no individual customer will be assessed more than \$50 per month for the program (Columns G and H). The total projected revenue by class is shown in column I.

4. Legislative and Proposed Tariff Sheets. EGU Exhibit 1.3 and Exhibit 1.4 show the legislative and proposed Tariff sheets. The Assistance Program will continue to provide eligible customers with a one-time credit on their monthly bill after the Company receives notification of the customer's qualification.

5. Change in Typical Customer's Bill. The annualized change in rates calculated in this Application results in a \$0.05 decrease for a typical GS residential customer using 70 decatherms per year. The projected month-by-month bills for a typical GS residential customer are shown in EGU Exhibit 1.5.

6. Final Tariff Sheet. In addition to this Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Application, the Company is also concurrently filing an application of Pass-Through Application in Docket No. 24-057-16, and an Application for an adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge in Docket No. 24-057-17, an application seeking approval to adjust the Energy Efficiency Rate in Docket No. 24-057-18, an application seeking approval to adjust the

Conservation Enabling Tariff in Docket No. 24-057-19, and an application seeking approval to adjust the Infrastructure Tracker Rate in Docket No. 24-057-21. The Company has requested that these applications be approved effective November 1, 2024. EGU Exhibit 1.6 and Exhibit 1.7 show the respective legislative and proposed rate schedule that reflects the final Tariff sheet that would be effective if the Commission approved all of the applications. These proposed Tariff sheets do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule, and are consistent with applicable statutes, rules and orders.

7. Exhibits. Enbridge Gas Utah submits the following Exhibits in support of its request to adjust the Low Income balancing account:

EGU Exhibit 1.1	Account 191800 UT/ID Low Income Credit/Charge
EGU Exhibit 1.2	Energy Assistance Allocation and Rate Design
EGU Exhibit 1.3	Legislative Tariff Sheets
EGU Exhibit 1.4	Proposed Tariff Sheets
EGU Exhibit 1.5	Effect on GS Typical Customer
EGU Exhibit 1.6	Combined Legislative Tariff Sheets
EGU Exhibit 1.7	Combined Proposed Tariff Sheets

WHEREFORE, Enbridge Gas Utah respectfully requests the Commission, in accordance with the Order approving the implementation of a Low-Income Assistance Program and the Company's Tariff:

1. Enter an order authorizing Enbridge Gas Utah to implement rates and charges applicable to its Utah natural gas service that reflect an adjustment for each rate class, as more fully described in this Application; and

2. Authorize Enbridge Gas Utah to implement its rates effective November 1, 2024.

DATED this 1st day of October, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

ENBRIDGE GAS UTAH



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VERIFICATION

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) ss.
County of Salt Lake)

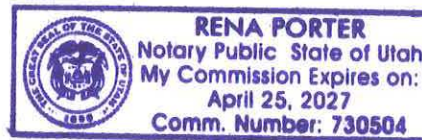
Kelly Mendenhall, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states: he is the Director, Regulatory and Pricing of Enbridge Gas Utah; he has direct personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein; he has read the foregoing Application; and the statements made in the Application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. The documents attached thereto are true and correct copies of the documents they purport to be.



Kelly Mendenhall
Director, Regulatory and Pricing

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of October 2024.





CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Verified Application was served upon the following persons by e-mail on October 1, 2024:

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