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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Application of Enbridge Gas)
Utah to Increase)
Distribution Rates and)
Charges and Make Tariff)
Modifications)
) DOCKET NO. 25-057-06
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Taken on Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. MT

At Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Room 403
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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P R O C E E D I N G S

PRESIDING OFFICER: Let's go on the record.

This is the public hearing scheduled with public notice given probably over a month or so ago. This is in the matter of the Application of Enbridge Gas Utah to Increase its Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications, Docket Number 25-057-06.

Just for the record, we have held two other public witness hearings. We decided as a Commission, in major matters going forward -- we did this in the Rocky Mountain Power general rate case. We held a hearing in Cedar City. We decided in this rate case we were going to hold a hearing in southern Utah and in northern Utah. So a hearing was -- a public hearing was held in St. George and a hearing was held in Vernal. And so we appreciate the opportunity to hear from the public about the -- the issues in this case.

We have Matthew J. Croshaw with us today. We'll ask you to come up. You can come up to this podium, and we're -- it says the party is 47G. What is that? Wait until you get to the stand and tell me.

MR. CROSHAW: Yes. 47G is a public private party with the State of Utah for the aerospace and defense industry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Perfect. Okay.

1 Welcome, Mr. Croshaw. We're not going to put -- unlike
2 going to the legislature where they tell you you have
3 two minutes --

4 MR. CROSHAW: I love it.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: -- we'll let you speak.
6 You know, say what you've -- your prepared remarks. How
7 long do you think you're going to need?

8 MR. CROSHAW: I have about a minute of
9 prepared remarks, not knowing how busy it would be. So
10 maybe I'll read this, and then I -- I'm happy to answer
11 any questions.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: Or you can ad lib after
13 that. That's fine. Okay. Please proceed.

14 MR. CROSHAW: So Matthew Croshaw, chief
15 operating officer of 47G.

16 (Reporter clarification.)

17 MR. CROSHAW: Utah's -- so 47G is Utah's
18 association for aerospace and defense companies. We
19 work closely with Utah's military installations,
20 industry partners, and communities to convene, promote,
21 and advocate on their behalf. Our mission is to ensure
22 that Utah remains the nation's premier ecosystem for
23 aerospace and defense.

24 The industry is one of Utah's greatest
25 economic strengths. It supports nearly 500,000 jobs,

1 represents about 20 percent of Utah's GDP, and has
2 experienced remarkable growth -- 23 percent job growth
3 and 31 percent wage growth over the past five years.
4 These companies are essential to Utah's economic future
5 and to our nation's security.

6 We appreciate the opportunity to comment on
7 Enbridge's proposed rate increase and to share the
8 perspective we hear from Utah's aerospace and defense
9 employers. As drafted, the proposal places a
10 disproportionate burden on Utah's business community at
11 a time when companies are already navigating significant
12 cost pressures. Shipping, materials, labor, insurance,
13 compliance -- virtually every cost category has risen.
14 When we talk with employers about growth opportunities,
15 one theme we consistently hear at the top is rising
16 utility costs.

17 These increases directly affect hiring
18 decisions, workforce retention, and the ability of
19 companies to expand operations within the state of Utah.
20 Some of the largest manufacturers in our state,
21 companies that anchor entire regional economies, are
22 telling us that rising utility costs are limiting their
23 expansion plans.

24 Utah has long benefited from reliable,
25 affordable energy, a competitive advantage that has

1 helped shape this industry, but that advantage is now
2 narrowing. With Utah now sitting near the middle of the
3 national energy cost rankings, we are increasingly
4 competing with states that offer substantially lower
5 rates. When companies evaluate where to grow, utility
6 costs now weigh more heavily than ever before.

7 We understand that energy costs nationwide are
8 rising, but Utah's business community should not be
9 required to shoulder more than its fair share of that
10 increase. Doing so will have real economic consequences
11 for jobs, for investment, and for Utah's long-term
12 competitiveness.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to share these
14 concerns on behalf of the companies that we serve. We
15 look forward to working together to keep Utah a place
16 where businesses can grow, innovate, and continue
17 contributing to our state's prosperity and security.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you for those -- I'm
19 sorry.

20 Thank you, Mr. Croshaw, for those prepared
21 remarks. Is there anything else you'd like to add to
22 what you said?

23 MR. CROSHAW: I think that covered it.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.

25 MR. CROSHAW: Happy to answer any questions,

1 though, if you have any.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER: I'm assuming you're
3 referring to not just the rates in this case, the gas
4 utility, but also electricity rates as well?

5 MR. CROSHAW: That's correct, yes.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. So you -- the
7 company that you represent and that you're associated
8 with would have absorbed cost increases in the Rocky
9 Mountain Power rate case?

10 MR. CROSHAW: Right. That's correct.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. All right. And
12 your statement is that you now think Utah is about in
13 the middle of the states as far as the electric and gas
14 rates if this --

15 MR. CROSHAW: That's our understanding, yes.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER: -- proposal is adopted.
17 Okay. All right. We'll see if anybody has
18 any questions and wants -- Mr. Croshaw, obviously, is a
19 person of some stature in the community, and if anybody
20 wants to ask him any questions or get any clarification,
21 we'll turn to the Commission. Anything?

22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Commissioner Harvey?

24 COMMISSIONER HARVEY: Just one number caught
25 my interest, and I'm intrigued.

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1 You mentioned 500,000 jobs?

2 MR. CROSHAW: Yep.

3 COMMISSIONER HARVEY: Where?

4 (Reporter clarification.)

5 MR. CROSHAW: Direct and indirect jobs that
6 support aerospace and defense.

7 COMMISSIONER HARVEY: So how large would you
8 estimate Utah's labor force is?

9 MR. CROSHAW: I don't know that number.

10 COMMISSIONER HARVEY: Okay. All right. I'm
11 assuming someone performed the --

12 MR. CROSHAW: EDCUtah.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: I used to be the chair of
14 EDCUtah.

15 MR. CROSHAW: Oh, great.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER: Yeah. Years ago. So
17 would have been able to give you that information.

18 MR. CROSHAW: Yeah.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER: So I'm assuming your -- if
20 you have centers of strength, it would be out by the
21 Salt Lake International Airport?

22 MR. CROSHAW: Yeah.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: The Hill Air Force Base?

24 MR. CROSHAW: Weber County.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER: Up in Weber County and up

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1 in -- I don't know what it's called anymore. It used to
2 be called Morton Thiokol in Brigham City area.

3 MR. CROSHAW: Yep.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Other areas where you have
5 large employers in the aerospace and defense industry?

6 MR. CROSHAW: You hit the main areas. Weber
7 and Davis County.

8 COMMISSIONER HARVEY: Well, they have Northrop
9 Grumman on the southwest side of the Salt Lake now.

10 MR. CROSHAW: Correct.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Yeah. That's where --
12 places where they can use the Salt Lake International
13 Airport for --

14 MR. CROSHAW: Yep.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER: -- their work.

16 Okay. Well, that's a very helpful
17 perspective. I appreciate that very much.

18 MR. CROSHAW: Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER: We appreciate that very
20 much. Thank you for taking your time to be here.

21 MR. CROSHAW: Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: I assume no one else had
23 any other questions.

24 (Reporter clarification.)

25 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. We'll go off the

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1 record. We'll be in recess until 6:30 or until somebody
2 else shows up and wants to speak.

3 (Recess taken from 6:12 to 6:29.)

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. We're back on the
5 record after a brief recess, and it is 6:30, and there
6 have been no other public witnesses who have appeared.
7 We indicated on our notice that if you were here by
8 6:30, you could address the Commission. Seeing no other
9 individuals here who are present to address the
10 Commission, it is now -- hang on -- my watch is -- it is
11 now 6:00 o'clock. We are adjourned.

12 MS. SCHMID: 6:00 o'clock?

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: 6:30.

14 (This hearing was concluded at
15 6:30 p.m. MT.)

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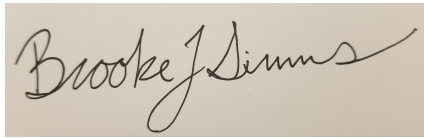
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