

# ENERGY AT A GLANCE

2021 - 2022

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#### PROTECTING CONSUMERS

**Electricity distribution customers:** 

5,373,024

Residential and small business customers:

5,318,612

**Natural gas distribution customers:** 

3,813,986

Residential and small business customers:

3,792,390

## **Sector Oversight**

In the electricity sector, the OEB rate regulated or licensed:

<b>64</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>8</b> <sup>2</sup>	452	2	136	72	27	20
Distributors	Transmitters	Generators	Agencies: Independent Electricity System Operator and Smart Metering Entity	Wholesalers	Retailers	Unit sub-meter providers	Electricity storage providers
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In the natural gas sector, the OEB regulated or licensed:

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Distributors Marketers

## **Consumer Participation**

#### \$4,417,103

Amount provided to intervenor groups to fund their participation: including consumer groups, manufacturers, farmers, landowners and Indigenous communities

# **Compliance & Enforcement**

Number of OEB proceedings & consultations where intervenors participated: **62** 

Over **44** compliance reviews and more than **25** inspections, with **15** enforcement actions leading to **\$235,200** in administrative penalties received

#### **Consumer Contacts**

**7,950**Total interactions

Complaints
Received: **991** 

11,800 Customer Service Issues Sent: 57

Information and guidance:
Responded to 7,950 interactions 4,827 enquiries 1,523 "Top Issues"

**Top issues:** LEAP, OESP, Enbridge Customer Service Issues, Seasonal rates, targeted scams, disconnections

Assistance for Low-income Energy Customers

LEAP assisted: **8,564 customers** with **\$3.7 million**in emergency funding to help
with their natural gas and
electricity bills

OESP assisted: an average of **243,741** households a month with almost **\$163,440,407** in on-bill credits over the year

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#### RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

#### Infrastructure

**Electricity distribution system – total assets:** 

\$30,739,041,775<sup>3</sup>

\$2.4 billion<sup>3</sup>

invested in the electricity grid

4,392 km<sup>3</sup>

of new distribution wires and other facilities

 $273.6 \, \text{km}$ 

of electricity transmission lines approved for construction

Natural gas distribution system - total assets:

\$26,685,393,577<sup>4</sup>

**\$0**<sup>4</sup>

of natural gas pipelines and related infrastructure approved for construction

2.62 km<sup>4</sup>

of new and replacement natural gas pipelines approved for construction:

· St. Clair, Lambton County

### **MANAGING COSTS**

Average residential monthly electricity bill:

\$130.43

Rate increases of **1.78%**, on average, for **53** electricity distributors that filed annual applications for inflationary increases<sup>5</sup>

Average residential monthly natural gas bill:

\$86.43

About **\$9.6** million in avoided rate increases achieved from our review of **11** major rate applications filed by electricity distributors

The OEB's operating expenses per customer annually for 2021-2022 were \$5.03, up \$0.17, due to an increase in OEB's operating expenses by 4.71%, which was slightly offset by an increase of 2.0% in natural gas customers and a 0.8% increase in electricity customers.

Number of rate decisions issued: **103** Total decisions: **273** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>As per the list online at: www.oeb.ca/industry/licensed-companies-and-licensing-information, there are currently 64 issued licences for Local Distribution Companies (LDCs), with 58 of these for rate regulated LDCs. The OEB's RRR list includes only 57 LDCs, with 6 of the 57 now being merged as Grandbridge Energy Inc., Enova Power Corp., and North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited under 3 separate mergers. The remaining 54, plus four utilities that do not file a full suite of RRRs (the three First Nations distributors and Hydro One Remotes), equals 58 rate regulated LDCs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As per the list online at: www.oeb.ca/industry/licensed-companies-and-licensing-information, there are 9 issued Electricity Transmitter licences. Eight are for rate-regulated transmitters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2020 RRR data as filed by electricity and natural gas distributors on May 17, 2021. The data is currently final and subject to change as a result of annual RRR data validations.

<sup>4</sup> In 2021/2022 the OEB approved only one pipeline project (EB-2020-0256). The pipeline is one component in Enbridge Gas 2021/2022 Storage Enhancement Project that was approved on April 21, 2021. We do not have information on cost invested in this pipeline. The information on capital cost for the pipeline was not filed on the record as it was not a rate payers funded project. Enbridge Gas plans to sell the storage services at market-based prices to meet the requirements of its unregulated storage service customers. As the revenues for selling this incremental storage space would be to the benefit of Enbridge Gas's shareholders, the costs of the Project would also be borne by Enbridge Gas's shareholders. That is the explanation why we do not have the cost information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The annual applications for inflationary increases reflected in this report are based on decisions the OEB issued during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



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