

## Natural Gas bills are Changing for Enbridge Gas Customers

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has [approved](#) new interim<sup>1</sup> natural gas prices for Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge) to take effect July 1, 2026. Enbridge's residential customers using a typical amount of natural gas can expect an average annual bill increase ranging between \$7.50 and \$41.24, depending on where they are in the province.

*Table 1 – Total Annual Bill Impact*

Rate Zone and Typical Annual Usage for a Residential Customer	Enbridge Gas Distribution (EGD) 2,400 m <sup>3</sup>	Union South 2,200 m <sup>3</sup>	Union North East 2,200 m <sup>3</sup>	Union North West 2,200 m <sup>3</sup>
Total Annual Bill – Current	\$987.38	\$904.61	\$1,157.48	\$863.80
– Beginning July 1, 2026	\$1,028.62	\$917.06	\$1,170.27	\$871.30
Total Annual Bill Impact	\$41.24	\$12.45	\$12.79	\$7.50
– Percentage Change	4.2%	1.4%	1.1%	0.9%

*\*Bill impacts will vary depending on how much natural gas individual customers use. Natural gas use is generally lowest during the summer months.*

### BACKGROUND

The factors that contribute to the changes in natural gas customers' bills for the period July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026, are as follows:

#### Market Prices

The weather was 10% colder than normal across all Enbridge rate zones from November 2025 to March 2026, resulting in higher-than-forecast customer demand and increased natural gas prices at multiple trading locations across North America. These higher natural gas supply costs are now being reflected in customer bills through a true-up of past prices.

While forward natural gas prices are generally decreasing due to softer demand and easing market conditions, customer bills are currently increasing to recover past costs that were higher than expected.

#### Other Rate Changes

Customer bill impacts in Table 1 include a one-time adjustment to clear balances that are associated with activities<sup>2</sup> related to Enbridge's 2023 Demand Side Management conservation program.

<sup>1</sup> The OEB approved the application on an interim basis at Enbridge's request.

<sup>2</sup> [EB-2025-0189](#)

## ABOUT THE QRAM AND NATURAL GAS MARKET PRICES

The QRAM (quarterly rate adjustment mechanism) is the process by which the OEB adjusts the prices that natural gas customers pay for the natural gas they use and to reflect changes in natural gas market prices.

Natural gas is a commodity that is bought and sold on North American energy markets. At any given time, its price fluctuates based on a variety of factors including supply and demand, seasonal changes, levels of stored natural gas, and major weather events. Shifts in these or other factors could lead to bill increases or decreases in subsequent quarters, as market prices are passed through to customers. Enbridge updates its forecast of market prices every three months and uses that forecast to seek the OEB's approval of its proposed changes to natural gas commodity prices. These proposed changes cover:

- **Future costs:** Based on a forecast of market prices for natural gas over the next 12-month period.
- **Past costs:** Based on the difference between what the utility previously forecast their customers would pay and what their customers actually paid. This kind of adjustment is needed because the gas prices charged to customers are based on forecasts, which are never 100% accurate. The adjustment for past costs can increase or lower the rate accordingly. For example, if a utility collected more from customers than it paid for gas in the past, the difference is credited back to customers through a lower rate. Likewise, if not enough was collected by the utility, the rate will be higher.

These price changes are approved to take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month in January, April, July and October each year.

The OEB does not allow natural gas distributors to earn a profit on the sale of gas, regardless of market fluctuations in price.

## SUPPORT FOR CUSTOMERS

Support is available for customers who need assistance with their bill payments. You need to meet certain criteria to qualify for these programs or rules:

- **Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)**  
This program provides a grant towards a customer's electricity and/or natural gas bill if they're behind on their bill payments and may face having their service shut off. It is for emergency situations. See [OEB.ca/BillHelp](https://www.oeb.ca/BillHelp)
- **Rules for low-income customers**  
Electricity utilities, natural gas utilities and unit sub-metering providers follow customer service rules specific to low-income customers. These include waiving security deposits and allowing longer payment times under arrears payment plans. See [OEB.ca/BillHelp](https://www.oeb.ca/BillHelp)

## ABOUT THE OEB

The OEB is the independent regulator of Ontario's electricity and natural gas sectors. We protect the interests of consumers and enable the delivery of clean, reliable, secure and affordable energy that supports economic growth across the province. This includes ensuring that the people and businesses of Ontario pay rates that are reasonable while allowing for needed investments in an energy system that sustains our economy.

A key part of how we deliver on this mandate is through independent adjudication. When an application comes before us, the OEB applies a rigorous, impartial review that balances our legislated objectives and is free from interference.

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