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<u>Public Utilities Board Issues Decision</u> on Enbridge Interim Rate Increase

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the Board) has turned down a request by Enbridge Gas New Brunswick for an interim rate increase effective February 1.

The company applied for an increase in the rate it charges to deliver natural gas through its pipes to customers. At the same time, EGNB requested that the Board grant the increase on an interim basis until a final decision is made. In a decision issued this week, the Board ruled that the particular circumstances did not meet the criteria for an interim increase.

The Board has scheduled a public hearing into EGNB's application March 17.

For more information about the Board's decision or to arrange an interview call David Young 643-7573 (cell 643-1281)