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## Hearing to consider rate increase set for March

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities held a pre-conference hearing yesterday to discuss an application by Enbridge Gas New Brunswick. The company has requested an increase to the rates it charges to distribute natural gas in the province.

The Board decided to hold a public hearing into the matter beginning March 17, 2005. It will also rule on a motion to allow the company to increase rates on an interim basis until a final decision is made. The interim rates could be effective February 1, 2005.

The board approved official intervenor status to the City of Saint John, Flakeboard Ltd of St. Stephen, and Competitive Energy Services of Boxford, Massachusetts.

The documents related to the application are available for public viewing at the board office Suite 1400, City Hall Building Saint John.

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