

Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Laura V. Swett
Chairman

The Honorable David Rosner
Commissioner

The Honorable Judy Chang
Commissioner

The Honorable Lindsay See
Commissioner

The Honorable David LaCerte
Commissioner

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Swett and Commissioners:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the potential financial impact of significant interstate natural gas pipeline rate increases, including in the pending rate case filed by East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (“East Tennessee”), a subsidiary of the Canadian company, Enbridge Inc., in Docket No. RP25-844-000.

The Commission plays the crucial role of ensuring Americans have access to plentiful supplies of natural gas at just and reasonable prices.¹ Affordable and reliable natural gas supplies are critical to Tennessee. The Energy Information Administration reports that one in three Tennessee households use natural gas as their primary fuel for home heating.² In addition, Tennessee’s manufacturing industry, our state’s largest consumer of natural gas, employs hundreds of thousands of workers in the state.

The justness and reasonableness of East Tennessee pipeline rates is important as the pipeline is the only interstate natural gas pipeline that traverses Tennessee from east to west and thus the sole supplier for many of our constituents. Last April, East Tennessee filed a FERC Section 4 case which proposed a 123% rate increase to the rates Tennessee customers and ratepayers pay

¹ *NAACP v. FPC*, 425 U.S. 662, 670 (1976).

² Energy Information Administration, Tennessee: Profile Analysis, [U.S. Energy Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis](#) (last accessed Jan. 13, 2026).

for the firm transportation service and a 178% increase in the LNG storage service. East Tennessee attributed the significant rate increase to the recovery of approximately \$650 million of capital investments, including integrity management program investments and the \$400 million System Alignment Program Project.³ East Tennessee also proposed to recover an 11.04% rate of return on those investments based on a 14.00% return on equity and a capital structure of 64.18% equity and 35.82% debt.⁴ On November 1, 2025, the 123% rate increase to the firm transportation service and a 178% increase to the LNG storage service went into effect.

We continue to urge the Commission to give full and fair consideration of the record to ensure that the resulting rates are just and reasonable

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and your commitment to fulfilling the Commission's statutory mission of achieving abundant and affordable energy.

Sincerely,



Diana Harshbarger
Member of Congress



Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress



Marsha Blackburn
United States Senator



Bill Hagerty
United States Senator



Tim Burchett
Member of Congress

³ East Tennessee Natural Gas, Application Transmittal, at 2 (Apr. 29, 2025).

⁴ *Id.* at 5-6.

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