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Does Enbridge currently believe that there is sufficient competition to protect the public interest in Ontario for the provision of geothermal energy systems? Please explain your response.

RESPONSE

Enbridge believes that the current level of adoption of geothermal systems in Ontario is much lower than it could be because of barriers facing the technology including poor historical experience and high costs. Enbridge's Geothermal Energy Service program aims to improve this situation, while achieving carbon abatement for its customers. Importantly, homeowners looking to install a geothermal system can choose whether to procure the entire system on their own, or to purchase their own heat pump system and obtain and pay for the geothermal loop through Enbridge's Geothermal Energy Service program.