



EB-2010-0277

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order or orders approving the final balances and clearance of certain Demand Side Management variance accounts into rates, as at July 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the “Board”) dated January 12, 2011, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), requesting approval and clearance of the final balances in four variance accounts, all associated with Demand Side Management (“DSM”). In its application, Enbridge sought disposition of the balances and inclusion into rates as at July 1, 2011. The Board assigned File No. EB-2010-0277 to this application.

The variance accounts and the balances sought for disposition are shown in the table below:

2009 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Resource Acquisition)	\$5,007,909
2009 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Market Transformation)	\$356,303
2009 Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (Repayable to Ratepayers)	(\$45,722)
2009 Demand Side Management Variance Account (Recoverable from Ratepayers)	\$1,165,061
TOTAL	\$6,483,551

The net balance of the 2009 DSM accounts is \$6,483,551 to be collected from ratepayers. The estimated impact on a typical Rate 1 customer is an increase of 0.2% of the annual total bill.

In its application, Enbridge stated that no member of the DSM Consultative, a variety of stakeholders and experts from who Enbridge and Union Gas Limited seek advice when developing their DSM Programs, is opposed to the Board approving the amounts set out in its application and clearing these amounts through to rates.

On January 27, 2011, the Board issued its Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1. The Board determined as there appeared to be no objections from the members of the DSM Consultative, interrogatories would not be necessary. However, the Board would seek submissions from interested parties. The Board directed Enbridge to serve a copy of its application on each intervenor in the Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors Consultation (EB-2008-0346) and on each member of its DSM Consultative. Written submissions were to be filed with the Board by February 10, 2011.

On February 7, 2011, the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association filed a submission offering its support for approval of Enbridge's application. In its reply submission, Enbridge noted that no submissions were filed in opposition to its application.

Board Findings

The Board accepts the amounts for disposition applied for by Enbridge as reasonable. Also, the Board finds that July 1, 2011 is a reasonable date to include the amounts into rates as this date coincides with the other rate adjustments ordered by the Board.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. is granted approval to clear the amounts in its 2009 Demand Side Management Variance Accounts, in the amounts listed below:

2009 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Resource Acquisition)	\$5,007,909
2009 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Market Transformation)	\$356,303
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The clearance of the balances shall be as of July 1, 2011.

DATED at Toronto March 22, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary