



EB-2011-0254

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. seeking approval of new and updated
demand side management measures for the 2011 program
year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER

On July 4, 2011, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) seeking approval for new and updated demand side management (“DSM”) measures for its 2011 program year.

Specifically, changes were made to the substantiation documents for the new and revised 2011 DSM measures and free ridership rates were established for the following new perspective measures: Air Door (Shipping & Receiving), Condensing Make-up Air, Condensing Boiler (under 300 MBH), and High Efficiency Boiler (under 300 MBH). Enbridge also requested that all 2011 DSM measure assumptions approved in the Union Gas Limited 2011 Update submission (EB-2011-0225) be applicable to Enbridge.

Enbridge’s proposed input assumptions list for the 2011 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Natural Gas Demand Side Management Generic Proceeding (EB-2006-0021), and achieved full consensus from the 2010 Evaluation and Audit Committee (“EAC”). The Board’s Decision with Reasons in EB-2006-0021 outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions.

On July 21, 2011, the Board directed Enbridge to serve the Board-approved Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 on all intervenors in the Natural Gas Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors proceeding (EB-2008-0346) and to each party currently involved in Enbridge's DSM Consultative. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on Enbridge's application to do so by written submission. On July 29, 2011, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME") filed a submission confirming its support of Enbridge's application. Enbridge filed its reply submission on August 8, 2011, requesting that the Board approve its application as filed.

Board Findings

The Board accepts that all the changes are reasonable. The Board recognizes the thorough and complete consultation process Enbridge held with its EAC. The Board notes that the consultation process for updating the input assumptions, as set out in the Generic DSM Proceeding, foresaw updates transpiring in a manner similar to what Enbridge has conducted. The Board is aided by full and complete stakeholder consultation prior to the filing of an application of this nature.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. is granted approval of its updated DSM input assumptions as filed and of the measure assumptions approved in the Union Gas Limited 2011 Update submission (EB-2011-0225), for its 2011 program year.

DATED at Toronto August 11, 2011
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary