



**EB-2012-0441**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a joint application by Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. seeking approval for new and updated demand side management measures.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

On December 19, 2012, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) received Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.’s (“Enbridge”) and Union Gas Ltd.’s (“Union”) joint application (the “Application”) seeking approval for new and updated demand side management (“DSM”) measures. The Board assigned this matter file number EB-2012-0441.

This Application was made in consultation with the Technical Evaluation Committee<sup>1</sup> (“TEC”), to update the common Table of Measure Assumptions and Substantiation Documents. The Application includes updated assumptions to existing measures as per 2010 and 2011 audit recommendations, corrections to clerical errors or omissions in the 2012 Plan submission, new measures, updated measures based on new information and additional notes of clarification for Effective Useful Life (EUL) Tables. The TEC indicated support for the updates to the specific measure assumptions as set out in this Application.

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<sup>1</sup> The TEC acts as an independent body that works towards the goal of establishing DSM technical and evaluation standards for natural gas utilities in Ontario. The TEC consists of three representatives from the DSM Consultative, two independent technical experts and a representative from each of the utilities.

The Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Utilities (EB-2008-0346) (the “DSM Guidelines Proceeding”) outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions.

On January 10, 2013, the Board directed Enbridge and Union to serve the Board-approved Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No 1 on all intervenors in the DSM Guidelines Proceeding and on each party currently involved in Enbridge’s and Union’s DSM Consultative. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on the Application to do so by written submission. No submissions from any party were received.

On January 23, 2013, Enbridge and Union filed their submission with the Board noting that no submissions were received and requesting the approval of the Application as filed.

### **Board Findings**

The Board accepts that all the new and updated DSM measures are reasonable. The Board is of the view that the consultation process Union and Enbridge held with the TEC was thorough and complete. Furthermore, the Board notes that Union and Enbridge’s consultation process for updating the input assumptions was in accordance with the process as set out in the DSM Guidelines Proceeding.

### **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited are granted approval of their new and updated DSM measures.

**DATED** at Toronto January 31, 2013

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary