



EB-2013-0075

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, within the next
available QRAM following the Board's approval.

Before: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER
AUGUST 29, 2013

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated July 17, 2013 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), for an order or orders approving the final balances and clearance of certain Demand Side Management ("DSM") Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM following the Board's approval. These Variance Accounts are:

2011 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Related to Resource Acquisition Programs)	\$5,914,951 (to Shareholder)
2011 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Related to Market Transformation Programs)	\$854,584 (to Shareholder)
2011 Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account	\$55,273 (to Ratepayers)
2011 Demand Side Management Variance Account	\$535,805 (to Shareholder)

The net balance of the DSM Variance Accounts is \$7,250,067 to be collected from ratepayers.

Enbridge has also applied to the Board for such final and interim orders and/or accounting orders as may be necessary in relation to clearance of the DSM Accounts which are the subject of this application, within the next available Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (“QRAM”) following the Board’s approval. Enbridge further applied to the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the Board’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure* for such final and interim Orders and directions as may be necessary in relation to the application and the proper conduct of this proceeding.

In the cover letter to the application, Enbridge stated the following:

Enbridge provided the results of the independent audit to the Evaluation Audit Committee (EAC). The EAC made recommendations in the Audit Summary Report respecting the clearance of the DSM variance accounts. The Company agreed to the recommendations and the Audit Summary Report received the endorsement of the DSM Consultative. Based upon this, it is the belief of Enbridge that no member of the DSM Consultative is opposed to the Board approving the amounts set out in the application and clearing these amounts through to rates.

Interventions and Cost Awards

The Canadian Manufactures and Exporters (“CME”) and the Green Energy Coalition (“GEC”) applied for and received intervenor and cost eligibility status.

The Proceeding

On August 2, 2013, the Board issued the Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1 which outlined various steps in this proceeding.

The hearing process included submissions. Submissions were received from GEC. Enbridge filed reply submissions on August 23, 2013. The complete record for this proceeding is available on the Board’s website.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed all submissions and summarized the record to the extent necessary to provide context to its findings.

In GEC's first submission dated August 9, 2013, GEC supported the clearance of the 2011 DSM Variance Accounts but expressed concerns regarding confidentiality claims of a particular study.

In GEC's second submission dated August 21, 2013, GEC asked the Board to disregard its August 9, 2013 submission.

In Enbridge's reply submission, Enbridge stated that "no person or entity has expressed a concern or opposition to the relief sought by the Company".

The Board has reviewed the application and finds the relief requested to be appropriate. The Board has also determined that there appears to be no objections from the members of the DSM Consultative.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Enbridge's application is approved by the Board as filed.

Cost Awards

2. Intervenors shall file with the Board and forward to Enbridge their respective cost claims, if any, within **7 days** from the date of this Decision and Order.
3. Enbridge shall file with the Board and forward to intervenors any objections to the claimed costs within **17 days** from the date of this Decision and Order.
4. Intervenors shall file with the Board and forward to Enbridge any responses to any objections for cost claims within **24 days** of the date of this Decision and Order.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0075, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guidelines found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available you may e-mail your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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