

# Elson Advocacy

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## BY EMAIL AND RESS

**Ms. Christine Long**

Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700, P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2019-0271 – Enbridge Gas 2021 DSM Plan**  
**EB-2019-0003 – Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management**  
**Framework**

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence in response to the request from Enbridge that the schedule for the 2021 DSM proceeding be brought forward by one or two weeks and the request from the Building Owners and Managers Association that the Post-2020 DSM Framework consultation be expedited. Environmental Defence supports both requests.

It is particularly important that the DSM Framework consultation be accelerated. The Ontario Government's Environment Plan calls for a significant expansion of DSM and is heavily relying on this to achieve its 2030 greenhouse gas reduction targets.<sup>1</sup> The Ontario Government has also reaffirmed the binding Ministerial Directive to the OEB requiring the achievement of all cost-effective DSM.<sup>2</sup> The Ontario Government's targets will be missed and its binding directive breached if steps are not taken to expand natural gas energy efficiency programs as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



Kent Elson

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<sup>1</sup> Ontario, Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, November 29, 2018, p. 23; Auditor General of Ontario, 2019 Annual Report (December 4, 2019), pp. 123 & 125.

<sup>2</sup> Minister's Directive, March 26, 2014, para. 4(i) (mandating "achievement of all cost-effective DSM"); Minister's Directive, March 06, 2019, para. 5 (confirming that the previous all cost-effective DSM requirement "shall remain in full force and effect").