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**To: All Rate-regulated Natural Gas Distributors
All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2008-0346**

**Re: Draft Measures and Assumptions for Demand Side Management
(DSM) Planning**

The Board has issued today for comment the draft report (the "Report") updating the DSM technologies (measures) and input assumptions. The Report, Measures and Assumptions for Demand Side Management (DSM) Planning, was prepared for the Board by Navigant Consulting Inc. A copy of the Report is attached.

Although OEB staff has provided input to Navigant Consulting on the structure of the report and the template for the substantiation sheets, it has not reviewed the technologies and input assumptions contain in this report.

Navigant Consulting Inc. will review stakeholder comments on the draft Report, and revise the Report as required. Once finalized, the Report will be submitted to the Board for staff review. Following the staff review, the report, as well as all comments received from stakeholders, will be put forward to the Board for its consideration.

Invitation to Comment

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the draft Report, in accordance with the filing instructions set out below.

Cost Awards

As noted in the Board's October 31, 2008 letter, cost awards will be made available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for their participation in this initiative.

Eligibility

As noted in the Board's January 26, 2009 letter, participants that have been determined to be eligible for an award of costs in this consultation process in the Board's November 28, 2008 Decision on Cost Eligibility, are eligible for an award of costs in relation to the provision of comments on the draft DSM Guidelines and this Report.

Maximum Cost Awards

As noted in the Board's January 26, 2009 letter, cost awards will be available in relation to the provision of comments up to a maximum of 10 hours in addition to the 20 hours provided in the December 31, 2008 letter of the Board.

Instructions for Filing Comments with the Board

Participants who wish to provide written comments on the Guidelines must do so by **March 6, 2009**. All filings to the Board in relation to this consultation must quote file number **EB-2008-0346** and include your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, email address and fax number. Three paper copies of each filing must be provided. The Board asks that participants make every effort to provide an electronic copy of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filing services" webpage on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, participants are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the "e-filing services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Those who do not have internet access should submit the electronic copy of their filing on CD or diskette.

Filings must be received by **4:45 pm** on the required date.

All materials related to this consultation will be posted on the "OEB Key Initiatives" portion of the Board's web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. The material will also be available for public inspection at the Board's office during normal business hours.

Any questions relating to this consultation should be directed to Beverley Jaffray at 416-440-8101, or e-mail Beverley.Jaffray@oeb.gov.on.ca. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273, and the Market Operations Hotline is 416-440-7604.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary

Attachments: Measures and Assumptions for Demand Side Management (DSM) Planning. Prepared for the Ontario Energy Board by Navigant Consulting Inc. February 6, 2009.

Appendix C – Substantiation Sheets