

EB-2010-0029

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 accounting order or orders establishing certain Demand Side Management Deferral Accounts for the years 2010-2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated February 4, 2010 under the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B for an order or orders establishing certain Demand Side Management ("DSM") Deferral Accounts for the years 2010-2014.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2010-0029 to this application.

The purpose of the requested DSM Deferral Accounts is to support a five year pilot program which is intended to expand the use of solar thermal technology from its current applications for water heating to include space heating and to increase the potential for thermal storage applications in both new buildings and retrofits. In January 2010, Enbridge received a conditional commitment from Natural Resources Canada for funding support through that agency's Clean Energy Fund of up to a total of \$3.975M. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$8.5M.

The application states that this conditional financial commitment from Natural Resources Canada must be acted upon prior to March 31, 2010, or it will cease to be available to the applicant. Given this circumstance, the applicant has requested an expedited consideration of this application, and this Procedural Order is consistent with that request.

The Board considers it necessary to make provisions for the following procedural matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. shall make its application and pre-filed evidence available immediately at both its head office and on its corporate website.
 Enbridge shall also provide its application and pre-filed evidence to anyone who requests a copy.
- 2. Interested parties and Board Staff who wish information and material from the Applicant that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board, and delivered to the Applicant on or before, **Monday, March 1, 2010**.
- All interrogatories and responses must include a reference to the section of the application which identifies the specific evidence on which the interrogatory is based.
- 4. The Applicant shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to the interested parties no later than **Thursday**, **March 4**, **2010**.
- 5. Any party that wishes to comment on Enbridge's application or interrogatory responses shall do so by written submissions filed with the Board, and delivered to Enbridge, on or before Wednesday, March 10, 2010.
- 6. Enbridge may respond by written submission filed with the Board, and delivered to all parties, on or before Monday, March 15, 2010.
- 7. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. The Board will issue details with respect to the filing of cost claims at a later date.

If you have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca in searchable/unrestricted PDF format. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. You may also send your submission by e-mail to the following address: boardsec@gov.on.ca.

Additionally, two paper copies are required and should be sent to the addresses below. Those who do not have Internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submissions on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with three paper copies by 4:30pm on the date indicated, and copy all parties. Parties must also include the Case Manager, Josh Wasylyk josh.wasylyk@oeb.gov.on.ca_and Board Counsel, Donna Campbell donna.campbell@oeb.gov.on.ca_on all electronic correspondence related to this case.

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DATED at Toronto February 22, 2010. **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary