

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

### **STAFF SUBMISSION**

# 2010 DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT INPUT ASSUMPTIONS

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

EB-2010-0202

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# Board Staff Submission Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. 2010 DSM Input Assumption Application EB-2010-0202

#### Introduction

On May 21, 2010, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an updated application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") seeking approval of certain demand side management ("DSM") input assumptions for its 2010 program year.

Updates to DSM input assumptions are made annually by both Enbridge and Union Gas Limited in relation to the process that was established in the Board's Decision with Reasons for the Natural Gas DSM Generic Proceeding (EB-2006-0021). The updated input assumptions arise from the evaluation and audit process in which both gas companies engage regularly.

On June 9, 2010 GEC filed a submission highlighting Enbridge's use of a 13 year measure life assumption for steam traps. GEC notes that Enbridge's Auditor, The Cadmus Group, who conducted the review of Enbridge's 2008 DSM Program results, recommended that Enbridge lower its measure life assumption for steam traps from 13 years to 6 years.

Board Staff submits that as no further discovery can take place on the merits of the measure life assumption figures for steam traps in this proceeding, the Board should defer its decision on any changes to this specific input assumption until the 2011 DSM Plan Proceeding (EB-2010-0175) is complete. Board Staff supports the approval of all other updates to input assumptions as filed by Enbridge.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -