



EB-2010-0182

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 Union Gas
Limited for an order or orders approving certain Demand
Side Management input assumptions for the 2010 program
year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the “Board”) dated April 30, 2010, seeking approval of certain demand side management (“DSM”) input assumptions for its 2010 program year. The Board assigned File No. EB-2010-0182 to this application.

In the Board’s Decision with Reasons for the Natural Gas DSM Generic Proceeding in EB-2006-0021 (the “Generic DSM Decision”), it outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions, “arising from the evaluation and audit process, to be filed with the Board and considered accordingly.”

Union’s proposed input assumptions list for the 2010 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Generic DSM Decision, and received full support from the DSM Consultative and Evaluation and Audit Committee (“EAC”).

On May 20, 2010, the Board directed Union to serve the Board-approved Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No 1 on all intervenors in the Generic Natural Gas DSM guidelines proceeding (EB-2008-0346) and to each party currently involved in Union's DSM Consultative. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on Union's application to do so by written submission.

The School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), the Green Energy Coalition ("GEC"), the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association ("OSEA"), Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), Low Income Energy Network ("LIEN") and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") filed submissions in accordance with the Board's Procedural Order.

All parties who filed submissions were in favour of the Board accepting Union's updated DSM input assumptions for the 2010 program year.

Board Findings

The Board accepts that all the changes are reasonable. The Board recognizes the thorough and complete consultation process Union held with its Evaluation and Audit Committee. The Board notes that the consultation process for updating the input assumptions, as set out in the Generic DSM Proceeding, foresaw updates transpiring in a manner similar to what Union has conducted. The Board is aided by full and complete stakeholder consultation prior to the filing of an application of this nature.

Intervenors eligible for an award of costs shall file their cost submissions in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* with the Board Secretary and with Union within 15 days of the date of this Decision and Order. Union may make submissions regarding the cost claims within 30 days of this Decision and Order and the intervenors may reply within 45 days of this Decision and Order. A decision and order on cost awards and the Board's own costs will be issued in due course.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Union Gas Limited is granted approval of its updated DSM input assumptions as filed, for its 2010 program year.

DATED at Toronto June 22, 2010.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary