

June 29, 2010

**VIA MAIL AND EMAIL** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 26th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Application and Written Hearing Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
2011 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan (EB-2010-0175)

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**Award of Costs** 

Dear Ms. Walli:

As the Chief Administrative Officer of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), I am writing to request intervenor status for TRCA on the above issue and request an award of costs.

# **Interests Represented**

With over 50 years of experience, TRCA helps people understand, enjoy and look-after the natural environment. Our vision is for The Living City®, where human settlement can flourish forever as part of nature's beauty and diversity.

TRCA works with its partners to ensure The Living City is built on a natural foundation of healthy rivers and shorelines, regional biodiversity and sustainable communities. Reducing energy consumption in the built environment is an integral part of achieving this vision.

Through The Living City, TRCA operates several conservation programs focused on helping building owners and managers reduce their energy and environmental footprint. Each program listed below is focused on specific building sectors. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.trca.on.ca">www.trca.on.ca</a>.

#### Greening Health Care

Greening Health Care helps hospitals work together to improve energy and water efficiency and reduce solid waste generation. The program reduces costs, contributes to the health and well-being of communities and demonstrates the health care sector's commitment to fiscal and environmental responsibility. Greening Health Care has current membership of 44 hospital sites across Ontario.

### Mayors' Megawatt Challenge

The Mayors' Megawatt Challenge brings municipalities together to improve energy efficiency and environmental management in their own buildings. Through the Mayors' Megawatt Challenge, municipalities demonstrate leadership, inspiring other organizations and individuals to take action towards healthier, more sustainable communities. This program is delivered across Ontario and has 10 municipalities participating, representing close to 4.5 million residents.

#### Sustainable Schools

Sustainable Schools is a program which identifies and evaluates best practices in green design, commissioning and operations, and helps school boards take action to improve the energy and environmental performance of their new and recently-built schools. As well, Sustainable Schools helps governments and utility companies meet their energy efficiency and environmental goals. They, in turn, provide funding to support design and operation of energy efficient schools, while the benefits are shared by all. There are 68 schools participating across Ontario.

#### Greening Retail

Greening Retail undertakes research, develops resources and programs, and facilitates demonstration projects to help retailers implement energy conservation and environmental best practices. Greening Retail works in partnership with sector leaders, government agencies and other organizations to provide retailers with the strategies and tools they need in order to take action.

#### TRCA's Interest in this Issue

Since 2003, TRCA, through The Living City programs, has been working with building owners and managers to reduce energy and water consumption in over 40 hospitals, 120 municipal buildings and 100 schools across Ontario. We work with these ratepayers through regular workshops, management tools and online monitoring to identify, maximize and report on electricity, natural gas and water savings. The results are based on actual consumption data, and the programs help participants take advantage of incentives available.

We are in a unique position between the ratepayers in several sectors as potential recipients and the electricity distributors with whom we work closely. We have much to comment upon and offer the Board as ways to improve Enbridge's DSM Plan which will not only work better for the owners and managers but also assist in its effectiveness in the marketplace.

These programs (except for Greening Retail) are managed by TRCA's consultant, Enerlife Consulting, who will be participating in this process on TRCA's behalf. We request that they be placed on the distribution list for future developments. The contact information is:

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## TRCA's Request for Award of Costs

TRCA is requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards. TRCA primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (ie. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services and also represents a public interest relevant to conservation in the built environment.

In order to provide meaningful and informed comment on the issues on which the Board is seeking input, TRCA must rely on cost awards to fund the participation of its consultants.

Sincerely

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