

EB-2011-0083

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 seeking approval of its revised demand side management input assumptions for the 2010 program year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare

Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER

On March 14, 2011, Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") seeking approval of certain demand side management ("DSM") input assumptions for its 2010 program year.

Union filed this application in response to the audit of its 2009 DSM annual report. Specifically, changes were made to the following technology substantiation documents; Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERVs), Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRVs), Infrared Heaters and Low-Flow Showerheads for both the Residential and Low-Income markets.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2011-0083 to this application.

Union's proposed input assumptions list for the 2010 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board's Natural Gas Demand Side Management Generic Proceeding (EB-2006-0021), and received full support from the DSM Consultative and Evaluation and Audit Committee ("EAC").

The Board's Decision with Reasons in EB-2006-0021 outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions.

On April 18, 2011, the Board directed Union to serve the Board-approved Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No 1 on all intervenors in the Natural Gas DSM Generic 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. No submissions were received.

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.

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 May 13, 2011.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary