Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'energie de l'Ontario



EB-2012-0192

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 order or orders approving the final balances and clearance of certain Demand Side Management Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM following the Board's approval.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy Presiding Member

DECISION AND ORDER June 14, 2012

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated May 14, 2012, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for an order or orders approving the final balances and clearance of certain Demand Side Management ("DSM") Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM following the Board's approval. The Board assigned File No. EB-2012-0192 to this application.

The variance accounts and the balances sought for disposition are shown in the table below:

2010 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Resource	\$3,872,804
Acquisition)	(to Shareholder)
2010 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Market	\$282,484
Transformation)	(to Shareholder)
2010 Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account	\$42,858
	(to Ratepayers)
2010 Demand Side Management Variance Account	\$2,717,105
	(to Ratepayers)
TOTAL	\$1,395,325
	(to Shareholder)

The net balance of the 2010 DSM accounts is \$1,395,325 to be collected from ratepayers. The estimated impact on a typical Rate 1 customer is an increase of 0.1% of the annual total bill.

Enbridge stated in its application that no member of the DSM Consultative, a variety of stakeholders and experts who Enbridge and Union Gas Limited seek advice from in the development and evaluation of their DSM Programs, is opposed to the Board approving the amounts set out above and clearing these amounts through to rates.

On May 24, 2012, the Board issued its Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1. The Board determined that since there appeared to be no objections from the members of the DSM Consultative, interrogatories would not be necessary. However, the Board sought submissions from interested parties. The Board directed Enbridge to serve a copy of its application on each intervenor in the Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors Consultation (EB-2008-0346) and on each member of its DSM Consultative. Written submissions were to be filed with the Board by June 4, 2012.

On June 7, 2012, Enbridge filed its reply submission noting that no submissions were filed in opposition to the application. Enbridge requested that the Board proceed with a Decision and Order approving its application.

Board Findings

The Board accepts the amounts for disposition applied for by Enbridge as reasonable. Also, the Board finds that Enbridge's next available QRAM is a reasonable and appropriate date to include the amounts into rates.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. is granted approval to clear the amounts in its 2010 Demand Side Management Variance Accounts, in the amounts listed below:

	(to Shareholder)
TOTAL	\$1,395,325
	(to Ratepayers)
2010 Demand Side Management Variance Account	\$2,717,105
	(to Ratepayers)
2010 Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account	\$42,858
Transformation)	(to Shareholder)
2010 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Market	\$282,484
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2010 Shared Savings Mechanism Variance Account (Resource	\$3,872,804

The clearance of the balances shall be processed within Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s next available QRAM application.

DATED at Toronto June 14, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary