

EB-2013-0352

**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 for clearance of certain Demand Side Management Variance Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM following the Board's approval.

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

### **November 8, 2013**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated October 24, 2013 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B) (the "Act"), for an order or orders approving the final balances in certain 2012 Demand Side Management ("DSM") Deferral and Variance Accounts. Enbridge is also seeking the disposition of the balances in these accounts and inclusion into rates, within the next available Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism following the Board's approval. The accounts which are the subject of the application and the balances recorded are as follows:

DSM Incentive Deferral Account	\$8,817,529 (to shareholder)
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account	(\$40,652) (to ratepayers)
DSM Variance Account	(\$303,490) (to ratepayers)

The net balance of the DSM Accounts is \$8,473,387 to be collected from ratepayers.

Enbridge has also applied to the Board for such final and interim orders and/or accounting orders as may be necessary in relation to clearance of the accounts which are the subject of this application. Enbridge further applied to the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* for such final and interim Orders and directions as may be necessary in relation to the application and the proper conduct of this proceeding.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2013-0352 to this application.

In the cover letter to the application, Enbridge stated the following:

As noted in the enclosed Application Summary, the Enbridge Audit Committee has accepted the balances in the subject DSM deferral accounts and supports an Order from the Board clearing these amounts through to rates. The Audit Committee's recommendations in this regard together with the Annual Report were circulated to members of the Enbridge DSM Consultative on October 15, 2013. The Auditor's Report was filed with the Board on June 28, 2013.

The Company is optimistic, consistent with prior years, that it will receive the support of its DSM Consultative members for the approvals sought. Once the positions of Consultative members are known, the Company will advise the Board as to whether a complete settlement has been reached in regard to this Application. This should occur within the next several weeks.

The Board will make provision for interrogatories and will seek submissions from interested parties.

If you wish to comment on the proceeding, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However,

the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the hearing panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Enbridge shall immediately serve a copy of its application on each intervenor in the Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors Consultation (EB-2008-0346) (list attached as Appendix A) and on each member of its DSM Consultative.
- 2. Any party that intends to seek intervenor status and award of costs shall provide its grounds for eligibility by **November 15, 2013.**
- 3. Parties and Board staff wishing to seek further information that is in addition to the pre-filed evidence are to file written interrogatories on Enbridge's application and shall do so by **November 22, 2013**.
- 4. Enbridge shall file written responses to all interrogatories received from parties and Board Staff on or before **December 6, 2013**.
- 5. Any party, including Board staff that wishes to comment on Enbridge's application shall do so by written submissions filed with the Board, and delivered to Enbridge, on or before **December 13, 2013**.
- 6. Enbridge may respond by written submissions filed with the Board, and delivered to all parties, on or before **December 20, 2013**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0352 and be made through the Board's web portal at <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a> in electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Two paper copies must also be filed at

the Board's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</a>. If the web portal is not available you may e-mail your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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**DATED** at Toronto, November 8, 2013

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## **APPENDIX A**

# TO NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

Applicant and List of Intervenors EB-2008-0346

**ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.** 

**Board File No. EB-2013-0352** 

DATED: November 8, 2013

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