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1 Secondly, as I come back to my earlier point, I just
2 believe it is beyond the expectation of the Board in this
3 proceeding that we get down into matters of this nature and
4 this detail for the purposes of this DSM proceeding. So I
5 just don't believe it is an appropriate production.

6 MR. CHERNICK: Because this avoided T&D methodology
7 was approved by the Board previously?

8 MR. O'LEARY: Well, there was a custom IR proceeding
9 that took place at some length and expense -- not that long
10 ago -- in which case the company's system gas forecasts
11 were approved by the Board, and we have referred you back
12 to that particular proceeding and earlier ones, and we
13 stand by those as being the appropriate inputs for this
14 proceeding.

15 MR. CHERNICK: I was asking about the avoided T&D
16 costs. Are you saying that this T&D methodology, what
17 Navigant did was implementing a methodology that had been
18 presented and detailed to the Board and approved?

19 MR. POCH: It is not our understanding. I think, Mr.
20 O'Leary, you were referring to the commodity there a moment
21 ago.

22 MR. O'LEARY: Yes.

23 MR. POCH: We're concerned about T&D in particular.

24 MS. OLIVER-GLASFORD: I think Enbridge made best
25 efforts to proactively address this issue to be responsive
26 to the Board's request and to the framework as we read it.
27 So certainly we provided additional material on top of
28 even what might have been expected and found an output

1 which is largely consistent with what I understand in past
2 research.

3 So I think, while it is not necessarily approved
4 methodology yet, this particular study, it certainly is a
5 best effort to address this topic in a way that is
6 directionally helpful for the preparation of the DSM plan.

7 MR. POCH: That's all appreciated. I guess just to
8 help Mr. O'Leary with this -- and I have referred to this
9 earlier -- when you have -- a primary concern in this case,
10 it seems to me, is this impact on non-participants, rate
11 impact. The T&D costs impact or benefit, if you reduce
12 them, non-participants. And because your measure costs,
13 your program costs, which is what your primary -- you have
14 identified as the Board has focused on in terms of rate
15 impacts -- might be small compared to the total TRC of a
16 measure, because the customers are paying for the lion's
17 share of it, even a small change in T&D costs that we might
18 suggest or find appropriate can have a dramatic impact on
19 what the rate impact for non-participants is.

20 So we think it is squarely within the -- this hearing.
21 It's -- in fact, we think it is an essential issue in this
22 hearing, and that is why we would like to have access to
23 that information.

24 So I would ask -- I would ask the company to
25 reconsider whether it can provide that level of detail.

26 MR. O'LEARY: I think our answer as put stands.

27 MR. POCH: All right. Then we will have to consider
28 whether we will bring a motion, thank you.