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**To: Enbridge Distribution Inc.
Union Gas Limited
Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC)
Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC)**

**Re: Reporting of Union's and Enbridge's 2015 DSM Program Results
EB-2015-0245**

The purpose of this letter is to provide information related to the timelines for the gas utilities to report their 2015 DSM program results.

Background

As described in the OEB's August 21, 2015 letter regarding the 2015-2020 DSM evaluation process, the OEB will oversee the evaluation process related to DSM program results. The OEB is in process of engaging an Evaluation Contractor (EC) to undertake DSM program evaluations, verification and audit of program results.

Evaluation of 2015-2020 DSM Program Results

As outlined in the 2015-2020 DSM Guidelines (section 4.1.2), the gas utilities are expected to file their annual Draft Evaluation Report with the OEB on or before April 1st of the year following the program year. As the evaluation process of DSM program results is being transitioned to the OEB, the 2016 reporting timelines will be affected. Due to the transition period, the OEB has decided that the utilities can file their 2015 Draft Evaluation Reports by April 22, 2016 instead of April 1, 2016. The OEB expects that the utilities' reports will provide a clear compilation of the program results achieved in 2015.

The utilities' Draft Evaluation Reports will be used by OEB staff and the OEB's Evaluation Contractor to verify and audit the results and undertake other evaluations as required in assessing the impact of utility DSM programs in 2015. The gas utilities will be contacted by OEB staff in early April to begin data transfer activities related to the verification of program results.

Audited Report of Actual DSM Results

Section 2.1.12 of the Reporting & Record Keeping Requirements Rule for Gas Utilities (the RRR) indicates that the "utilities shall provide annually, by the last day of the sixth month after the financial year end, an audited report of actual results compared to the Board approved demand side management plan with explanations of variances."

Under the new DSM Framework, the gas utilities will not be required to file an annual audited report of actual results. Under the new evaluation process, the OEB, with the assistance of the Evaluation Contractor and input from the Evaluation Advisory Committee, will issue an annual Final Audit & Evaluation Report which will contain the final verified and audited DSM results for both gas utilities as well as any results from any other completed evaluation studies. The utilities will use the results included in the OEB's Final Audit & Evaluation Report when they file applications for disposition of their respective DSM deferral and variance accounts.

The OEB plans to update the RRR to reflect the above changes related to the gas utilities' DSM reporting requirements.

Yours truly,

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