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BY E-MAIL

March 16, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff
Response to Undertaking JT 3.9
Enbridge Gas Inc. – EB-2021-0002
Application for new DSM Framework and 2022-2027 DSM Plan

Please find attached the response to undertaking JT 3.9, undertaken by OEB staff at the DSM technical conference on March 2, 2022. The undertaking response has been provided by Optimal Energy Inc.

This response has been forwarded to Enbridge Gas Inc. and to all other parties to this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Josh Wasylyk Senior Advisor – Application Policy & Conservation

cc: All parties in EB-2021-0002

### **Undertaking Response JT 3.9**

## 2022-2027 Demand Side Management Framework and Plan Application

# Enbridge Gas Inc. EB-2021-0002

March 16, 2022

## **Undertaking JT 3.9 – Requested by Environmental Defense**

To make best efforts to provide, at a high level, examples of utilities quickly amending their plans to increase savings targets.

#### Response to JT 3.9 – Provided by Optimal Energy Inc.

Recently, Commonwealth Edison Company submitted a revised Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Plan filing on March 1, 2022, updating its approved plan that commenced on January 1, 2022.

Commonwealth Edison had initially developed a 4-year efficiency plan (2022-2025) that was approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission on June 24, 2021. However, in September 2021, new legislation was passed that required Commonwealth Edison to make significant modifications to its approved plan.

Some of the updates Commonwealth Edison made to its plan include:

- Increased total energy savings goal by approximately 10%
- Increased annual budget by approximately 12%
- Reincorporating large, previously exempt customers, back into the plan
- Incorporating electrification activities
- Material increases to spending and requirements related to low-income programs

As a result of these changes, Commonwealth Edison entered into a settlement process with stakeholders to negotiate revisions to the originally approved efficiency plan. A settlement was reached by all parties in late February. As a result of the settlement, Commonwealth Edison filed a revised plan with the Commission on March 1, 2022.

Below are links to public reference documents that provide more information related to this particular file:

Final Order from the Illinois Commerce Commission, June 24, 2021:
 https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2021-0155/documents/313330

• Correspondence notifying the Illinois Commerce Commission of Commonwealth Edison's pending filing to respond to the passage of the Public Act 102-0662 on September 15, 2021:

https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2021-0155/documents/319383/files/555896.pdf

 Verified Petition for Reopening and related documentation filed by Commonwealth Edison to the Illinois Commerce Commission, March 1, 2022:

https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2021-0155/documents/321073