

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998,
c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Inc., for an
Order or Orders approving the balances and clearance of certain non-
commodity 2020 Demand Side Management Deferral and Variance
Accounts into rates, within the next available QRAM.

Enbridge Gas 2020 DSM Deferral and Variance Accounts Disposition

Energy Probe Submission

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1. 2020 Achievement

Enbridge Home Energy Programs had significantly lower achievement in 5/8 measures compared to 2019.

Energy Probe accepts that the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic was in part responsible.

Table 1 – EGD Rate Zone

Measure	2019 # Installed	2020 # Installed	Difference
	Homes/Measures	Homes/Measures	Homes/Measures
Adaptive Thermostats	15,077	21,553	6,476
Attic Insulation	4,468	9,359	4,891
Air sealing	13,288	13,362	74
Basement Insulation	3,232	859	(2,373)
Exterior Wall Insulation	437	344	(93)
Furnace/Boiler Upgrade	14,508	9,043	(5,465)
Water Heater	2,658	2,123	(535)
Windows/Doors	2,254	1,535	(719)

Table 2 – Union Rate Zones

Measure	2019 # Installed	2020 # Installed	Difference
	Homes/Measures	Homes/Measures	Homes/Measures
Adaptive Thermostats	3,805	8,587	4,782
Attic Insulation	2,868	4,764	1,896
Air sealing	9,049	7,128	(1,921)
Basement Insulation	2,793	1,400	(1,393)
Exterior Wall Insulation	977	887	(90)
Furnace/Boiler Upgrade	9,109	4,581	(4,528)
Water Heater	1,109	1,101	(8)
Windows/Doors	2,786	2,248	(538)

2. Cost effectiveness

In response to Energy Probe Interrogatory#2 Program Level Admin costs decreased only a small amount compared to a significant reduction in achieved savings, This may be due to the shutdown of the program for 3 months. It is Energy Probe’s expectation that 2021 will demonstrate improved metrics.

3. Underspending

Energy Probe notes 2020 Budgets were underspent. Enbridge Gas noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on 2020 program spending. However, the addition of adaptive thermostats in the Union Rate Zone did increase the 2020 expenditures by \$983,916.

Enbridge Gas is seeking approval of a credit to customers of \$3,209,223 in the EGD Rate Zone and a credit to customers of \$9,860,959 in the Union Rate Zones for 2020.

Energy Probe accepts these amounts.

4. Other Accounts

Enbridge Gas is seeking approval to recover DSMIDA amounts of \$3,586,470 for the EGD Rate Zone and \$2,726,196 for the Union Rate Zones for 2020.

Enbridge Gas is seeking approval for LRMVA amounts of a debit of \$9,404 in the EGD Rate Zone and a debit of \$1,130,027 in the Union Rate Zones for 2020.

Energy Probe accepts these amounts

5. Disposition

Enbridge Gas proposes that disposition of the 2020 DSM deferral and variance account Balances, to be implemented through the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM), effective July 1, 2022.

In the past, Energy Probe had concerns about the disposition methodology. There is now common disposition methodology for legacy Enbridge Gas Distribution (EGD) and Union Gas rate zones.

For a typical residential customer in the EGD rate zone with annual consumption of 2,400 m³, the estimated one-time billing adjustment charge is \$4.28.

For a typical residential customer in the Union South rate zone with annual consumption of 2,200 m³, the estimated one-time billing adjustment charge is \$1.11.

For a typical residential customer in the Union North rate zone with annual consumption of 2,200 m³, the estimated one-time billing adjustment is a refund of \$5.20.

Energy Probe accepts the proposed disposition.

All Respectfully Submitted April 8, 2022