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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission  
Enbridge Gas Inc. – 2022 to 2027 Natural Gas Demand Side Management  
Plan  
OEB File Number: EB-2021-0002**

In accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order dated November 15, 2022,  
please find attached the OEB staff submission on Enbridge Gas's draft accounting  
orders.

Yours truly,

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# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

## **OEB Staff Submission**

### **on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Draft Accounting Orders**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.**

**2022 to 2027 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan**

**EB-2021-0002**

**December 5, 2022**

## **Background**

On November 15, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its Decision and Order regarding Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) multi-year Demand Side Management plan application and DSM framework. As part of the OEB's Decision and Order, it approved the establishment of Enbridge Gas's proposed DSM deferral and variance accounts.

The OEB also approved a new deferral account related to the newly approved End-of-Term Natural Gas Reduction Incentive to record the actual amount of shareholder incentive earned by Enbridge Gas as a result of its performance relative to the End-of-Term Natural Gas Reduction target. The OEB further stated that the criteria used to determine the amount of any shareholder incentive to be recorded in the End-of-Term Natural Gas Reduction Incentive Deferral Account are to be in accordance with direction provided in section 4.5.2 of the Decision and Order.

## **Enbridge Gas Draft Accounting Orders**

On November 28, 2022, consistent with the direction provided in the OEB's Decision and Order, Enbridge Gas filed draft accounting orders for the following DSM deferral and variance accounts:

- Demand Side Management Variance Account to track spending relative to approved budget.
- Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account to track revenues that were not earned due to the natural gas savings from the DSM programs.
- Demand Side Management Incentive Deferral Account to record shareholder incentives earned by Enbridge Gas.
- Conservation Demand Management Deferral Account to track ratepayer share of all net revenues generated by DSM services provided for electric CDM activities.
- Natural Gas Reduction Incentive Deferral Account to record the actual end-of-term shareholder incentive amount earned by Enbridge Gas if its DSM programs result in the achievement of specific targeted natural gas sales reductions over the 2023 through 2025 DSM plan term.

## **OEB Staff Submissions**

OEB staff submits that Enbridge Gas has provided account descriptions consistent with those proposed in its application which were ultimately approved by the OEB. Further, OEB staff submits that the proposed account description of the new Natural Gas

Reduction Incentive Deferral Account is consistent with the direction provided by the OEB in section 4.5.2 of its Decision and Order. OEB staff supports the approval of the draft accounting orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted