

March 20, 2025

Ontario Energy Board
Attn: Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar
2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ritchie Murray,

Re: EB-2025-0295 Enbridge 2027-2030 DSM Plan

We are reaching out in response to the Enbridge Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan currently being considered by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). Specifically, we wish to provide commentary on the proposed discontinuation of the Enbridge Savings by Design Program (SBD).

Coolearth Architecture has participated in the Savings by Design Affordable Housing Program several times, always for non-profit housing providers. We found the integrated design workshop undertaken on our behalf to be extremely useful in validating cost-effective technologies and design solutions that will achieve significant energy savings. The Workshop team provided thorough review consistent with our project's specific requirements and identified improvements that could be made. Combined with the energy modelling results that were provided as part of the Workshop, we leave with 3rd party validation of our design, which is very useful when applying for support from the federal government.

The SBD Program brings significant benefits to our clients, affordable housing providers, by removing financial impediments to 3rd party review, and results in greater confidence that their goals will be met. The reviews are accepted by funding agencies. As Ontario enters a period of rapid affordable housing development, it is critical that these projects attain the highest energy performance possible to ensure residents are not burdened with high fuel costs. The continuation of the SBD Program is an important mechanism in that outcome.

We congratulate Enbridge on the design and implementation of this very effective Program and hope that it be considered for continued delivery in the 2027 – 2030 DSM Plan.

Respectfully yours,



Sheena Sharp
President