



EB-2010-0202

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas
Distribution Inc. for an order or orders approving certain
Demand Side Management input assumptions for the 2010
program year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the “Board”) dated May 21, 2010, seeking approval of certain demand side management (“DSM”) input assumptions for its 2010 program year. The Board assigned File No. EB-2010-0202 to this application.

In the Board’s Decision with Reasons for the Natural Gas DSM Generic Proceeding in EB-2006-0021 (the “Generic DSM Decision”), it outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions, “arising from the evaluation and audit process, to be filed with the Board and considered accordingly.”

Enbridge’s proposed input assumptions list for the 2010 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Generic DSM Decision, and received support from the DSM Consultative and Evaluation and Audit Committee.

On June 8, 2010, the Board directed Enbridge to serve the Board-approved Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1 on all intervenors in the Generic Natural Gas DSM guidelines proceeding (EB-2008-0346) and to each party currently involved in Enbridge's DSM Consultative. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on Enbridge's application to do so by written submission.

Board staff, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Energy Probe, Green Energy Coalition ("GEC"), and the Low Income Energy Network filed submissions in accordance with the Board's Procedural Order. All parties who filed submissions were in favour of the Board accepting Enbridge's updated DSM input assumptions for the 2010 program year with one exception.

On June 9, 2010, GEC filed a submission highlighting Enbridge's use of a 13 year measure life assumption for steam traps. GEC noted that Enbridge's auditor, The Cadmus Group, who conducted the review of Enbridge's 2008 DSM Program results, recommended that Enbridge lower its measure life assumption for steam traps from 13 years to 6 years. On June 25, 2010, Enbridge filed an updated Measure Life Table which amended the measure life assumption for steam traps from 13 years to 6 years. In a second submission dated June 28, 2010, GEC acknowledged the amendment and offered support for Enbridge's 2010 DSM input assumptions update as amended.

Board Findings

The Board accepts that all the changes are reasonable. The Board notes that the consultation process for updating the input assumptions, as set out in the Generic DSM Proceeding, foresaw updates transpiring in a manner similar to what Enbridge has conducted. The Board is aided by full and complete stakeholder consultation prior to the filing of an application of this nature.

Intervenors eligible for an award of costs shall file their cost submissions in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* with the Board Secretary and with Enbridge within 15 days of the date of this Decision and Order. Enbridge may make submissions regarding the cost claims within 30 days of this Decision and Order and the intervenors

may reply within 45 days of this Decision and Order. A decision and order on cost awards and the Board's own costs will be issued in due course.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. is granted approval of its updated DSM input assumptions as filed and as amended, for its 2010 program year.

DATED at Toronto July 19, 2010
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary