



EB-2008-0385

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 Union Gas
Limited for an order or orders approving certain Demand
Side Management input assumptions for the 2008 program
year.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the “Board”) dated November 10, 2008, seeking approval of certain demand side management (“DSM”) input assumptions for its 2008 program year. The Board assigned File No. EB-2008-0385 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.”

Union’s proposed input assumptions list for the 2008 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Generic DSM Decision, and received full support from the DSM Consultative and Evaluation and Audit Committee (“EAC”).

On December 4, 2008, the Board directed Union to serve the Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1 on all intervenors in the Generic DSM proceeding and to all of Union's DSM Consultative members. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on Union's application to do so by written submission.

The School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), the Green Energy Coalition ("GEC"), the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") filed submissions in accordance with the Board's Procedural Order.

All parties who filed submissions were in favour of the Board accepting Union's updated DSM input assumptions for the 2008 program year, with the exception of VECC.

VECC's submission supported the harmonization of both Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union's input assumptions with those of the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA").

Board Findings

The Board approves Union's proposal.

Regarding VECC's submission, the Board does not feel that this is the appropriate time to decide the issue of harmonizing the input assumptions of the gas utilities with those of the OPA.

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 EGD within 15 days of the date of this Decision and Order. EGD 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:

Union Gas Limited is granted approval of its updated DSM input assumptions as filed, for its 2008 program year.

DATED at Toronto January 27, 2009.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary