



EB-2012-0053

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 seeking approval of its new Demand Side
Management measures for the 2011 program year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

On February 8, 2012, Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) seeking approval of four new Demand Side Management (“DSM”) measures for its 2011 program year.

The new measures are: Low Flow Showerheads – Low Income, Low Flow Showerheads – Commercial, Low Flow Bathroom Aerators – Commercial, and Low Flow Kitchen Aerators – Commercial.

Union’s new DSM measures for the 2011 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Natural Gas DSM Generic Proceeding (EB-2006-0021). Union and the 2011 Evaluation and Audit Committee (“EAC”) achieved complete consensus on the new measures and associated input assumptions. The Board’s Decision with Reasons in EB-2006-0021 outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions.

On February 29, 2012, the Board directed Union to serve the Board-approved Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1 on all intervenors in the Natural Gas DSM Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors proceeding (EB-2008-0346) and to each party currently involved in Union's DSM Consultative. The Board directed any party that wished to comment on Union's application to do so by written submission. No submissions were received.

Board Findings

The Board accepts that all the changes are reasonable. The Board recognizes the thorough and complete consultation process Union held with its EAC. 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 Union has conducted. The Board is aided by full and complete stakeholder consultation prior to the filing of an application of this nature.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Union Gas Limited is granted approval of its four new DSM measures as filed for its 2011 program year.

DATED at Toronto March 26, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary