



**EB-2011-0225**

**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 and updated demand side management input assumptions for the 2011 program year.

BEFORE: Marika Hare  
Presiding Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

On June 6, 2011, Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) seeking approval for new and updated demand side management (“DSM”) input assumptions for its 2011 program year. Union filed a revised application on June 16, 2011.

Specifically, changes were made to the substantiation documents for the new and revised 2011 DSM measures and Free Ridership rates were established for two new programs “Commercial Drain Water Heat Recovery” and “Food Service Programs”.

Union’s proposed input assumptions list for the 2011 program year went through the evaluation and audit process, as outlined in the Board’s Natural Gas Demand Side Management Generic Proceeding (EB-2006-0021), and achieved complete consensus from the DSM Consultative and Evaluation and Audit Committee (“EAC”).

The Board’s Decision with Reasons in EB-2006-0021 outlined a process allowing for updates to the DSM input assumptions.

On June 22, 2011, the Board directed Union to serve the Board-approved Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No 1 on all intervenors in the Natural Gas DSM Generic 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. Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME") sent in a submission confirming support of Union's application.

### **Board Findings**

The Board accepts that all the changes are reasonable. The Board recognizes the thorough and complete consultation process Union held with its Evaluation and Audit Committee. 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 updated DSM input assumptions as filed, for its 2011 program year.

**DATED** at Toronto July 13, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary