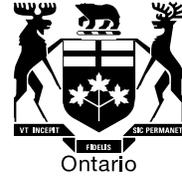


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**To:** Natural Gas Distribution Companies  
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Intervenors to Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (RP-2003-0048) rate proceeding  
Intervenors to Union Gas (RP-2003-0063) rate proceeding

**Re: Minister's Directive on Demand Side Management (DSM) and Demand Response (DR): Examination will include Role of Gas Distributors in the Gas Sector**  
**Board File No. RP-2003-0144**

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The purpose of this letter is to advise stakeholders of the Ontario Energy Board's (the Board) decision to expand the scope of the review concerning the Minister's June 18, 2003 directive.

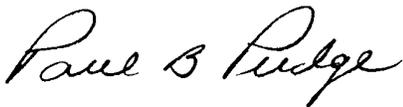
The Board has a long history of regulating the activities of natural gas distribution companies and believes that now is an appropriate time for it to further examine the role of those distributors in DSM. This has been communicated to the Minister in the attached letter dated August 8, 2003. The Board intends to keep to the process and schedule for fulfilling the Minister's Directive outlined in the Board's July 11, 2003 initiation letter (i.e., Phase I), also attached.

If you have notified the Board Secretary of your interest in participating in the RP-2003-0144 Phase II (i.e., development of principles for the Board's consideration) consultations, you do not need to take any further action at this time. However, in light of this expanded scope, Board staff invite stakeholders who have not yet notified the Board of their interest in participating in the planned Phase II consultation, and who are now interested, do so by **4:30 p.m. on August 22, 2003**. Please send your name, title, organization, address, e-mail address and phone and fax numbers to the Assistant Secretary at the address given below. Failure to participate in the Phase II consultation will not prevent a stakeholder from participating in Phase III (i.e., comment on draft Report of the Board)

Minister's Directive on Demand Side Management (DSM) and Demand Response (DR)

Any questions relating to this consultation are to be directed to Laurie Reid (416-440-7623, [Laurie.Reid@OEB.gov.on.ca](mailto:Laurie.Reid@OEB.gov.on.ca)) or Lisa Brickenden (416 440-8113, [Lisa.Brickenden@OEB.gov.on.ca](mailto:Lisa.Brickenden@OEB.gov.on.ca)), or call toll free 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,



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Attachments:  
August 8, 2003 Letter to the Minister  
July 11, 2003 Letter to Stakeholders