



Ontario Energy Board

Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

Summary of Board Consideration of FAWG Recommendations

LEAP Financial Assistance Working Group
September 30, 2010

Overview

- Board staff presented FAWG's recommendations to the Board Sept. 22.
- Board made comment in 4 specific areas:
 - Guiding Principles
 - LEAP contributions by electricity distributors
 - LEAP contributions by natural gas distributors
 - Utility-agency partnerships



Guiding Principles

- **FAWG:**
 - 14 principles to guide its work.
- **Board:**
 - The Board's approved principles stand as the overriding principles for LEAP.
 - FAWG principles, while helpful to guide their work, do not replace the Board's principles.



LEAP Contributions by Electricity Distributors

- **FAWG:**
 - 0.12% for 2011, and adjust in future years to account for late payment settlement funds.
- **Board:**
 - 0.12% for 2011 and future years.
 - Administrators of late payment settlement should be encouraged to adjust level of that funding available each year to “smooth” total funding available for assistance each year.



LEAP Contributions by Natural Gas Distributors

- **FAWG:**

- No resolution. Suggestion that utilities continue Winter Warmth and contribute equivalent of at least 0.12%.

- **Board:**

- Acknowledges complexities added by court settlements & requirement to deliver Winter Warmth.
- Gas utilities to ensure equivalent of 0.12% is available for 2011 (requires increase by Enbridge).
- Administrators of settlements encouraged to explore ways to transition Winter Warmth to LEAP.



Utility-Agency Partnerships

- **FAWG:**
 - Helpful if same agency does LEAP and electricity late payment settlement.
 - Guidance as to appropriate partners is helpful.
- **Board:**
 - The Board confirmed that it will not be approving utility-agency partnerships.
 - Responsibility for finding appropriate partner remains with utility.
 - Helpful to provide guidance.



Communications to Utilities

Board determined 2 letters should be issued:

1. To gas utilities:

- outlining Board's expectations for funding level for 2011.

2. To all utilities:

- clarifying rate treatment, and providing instructions for 2011 rate applications; and,
- providing guidelines for agency partners and requiring utilities to report to the Board as to who their chosen partner is.

