



Ontario Energy Board

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Natural Gas DSM Guidelines

**Presentation to the
Financial Assistance Working Group**

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DSM Guidelines Overview

- Consultation process EB-2008-0346
- Guidelines issued on June 30
- Provide the following changes:
 - 3 year term that maintains current level of funding, adjusted for inflation
 - Optional large industrial programs
 - Utility financial incentives that maintain the current level of \$9.5 million, adjusted for inflation
- Utilities to file DSM plans by September 15



Eligibility Criteria

- Facilitates coordination with electricity CDM
- Utilities criteria established by the OPA:
 1. Income Eligibility
 2. Utility Bill Payment Responsibility
 3. Building Eligibility
 4. Landlord Consent (if applicable)

Budget for Low-Income Programs

- To be funded from all rate classes
 - Consistent with LEAP
- Annual low-income budget shall be no less than 15% of total DSM budgets
 - Enbridge: \$4.2 million
 - Union: \$4.1 million
- Total DSM budgets may be increased by to 10%, provided the funds are used for low-income programs
 - Enbridge: \$2.81 million
 - Union: \$2.74 million