



Meeting minutes

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Conservation Working Group - Meeting 2

Date: July 2, 2009 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: OEB Office, 2300 Yonge St., 25th floor

Attendees: **Conservation Working Group (CWG)**

- Chris Appleton, Union Gas (Union);
- Cheryl Bezanson, Enbridge Gas Distribution (Enbridge);
- Luke Bond, Ontario Power Authority (OPA);
- Chantelle Bramley, Direct Energy;
- Tracey Brooks, Union Gas (Union);
- Kier Brownstone, Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC);
- Ian Campbell, Hydro One;
- Svetlana Diomin, Direct Energy;
- Yvonne Di Tullio, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI);
- Gord Eamer, Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts (CHEC);
- Marion Fraser, Low Income Energy Network (LIEN);
- Lindsay Harrold, City of Toronto;
- Roger Higgin, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition/Energy Probe (VECC);
- Clifford Maynes, Green Communities Canada (GCC);
- Theresa McClenaghan, Low Income Energy Network (LIEN);
- David Poch, Green Communities Canada (GCC);
- Sarah Griffiths Savolaine, Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD);
- Brian Smith, Horizon Utilities/Electricity Distributors Association;
- Patricia Squires, Enbridge Gas Distribution (Enbridge);
- Deb Thompson, Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC);

Board Staff

- Takis Plagiannakos,
- Alison Cazalet,
- Beverley Jaffray,
- Guy Halpern,
- Rachel Anderson

IndEco Staff

- Judy Simon,
- Shona Adamson,
- Patti Campbell

Regrets:

- Carrie Aloussis, Ontario Power Authority (OPA);
- Jim Hall, Hydro One
- Rob Maxwell, City of Toronto
- Kai Millyard, Green Energy Coalition (GEC);



Next
scheduled
meeting:

July 9, 2009

Welcome, introductions and logistics - Alison Cazalet, Board Staff

- Board staff welcomed the group to the second meeting of the Conservation Working Group (CWG)
- Each participant provided a brief introduction including the stakeholder group each represents
- Reviewed meeting logistics (e.g. security, facilities etc.)
- Board staff distributed printed material from Enbridge and SHSC
- David Poch advised that he will be replacing Kai Millyard as the GEC representative on CWG going forward

Review of the meeting agenda - Judy Simon, Facilitator

- Reviewed the meeting agenda to ensure that participants understood the information and activities taking place over the course of the day

Review and approval of meeting number one minutes - Judy Simon, Facilitator

- Group adopted minutes of meeting #1 (June 25) subject to noted corrections

Coordination with FAWG - Judy Simon, Facilitator

- Reviewed the results of FAWG meeting including the FAWG agreed to eligibility criteria

Adoption of guiding principles - Judy Simon, Facilitator

- Reviewed the revised guiding principles for the low-income gas DSM framework and held a detailed roundtable discussion on additional revisions to the guiding principles

Low-income DSM/CDM programs in other jurisdictions

- Presentation (via conference call) by Josh McLean of Conserve Nova Scotia on the provincial government's



Residential Energy Affordability Program (REAP) for low-income consumers

- Presentation by Board Staff describing four tests used to determine the cost effectiveness of conservation programs. These tests are the Program Administrator Cost Test (PACT), the Total Resource Cost Test (TRC), the Societal Cost Test (SCT) and the Low Income Public Purpose Test (LIPPT). Information on these tests came from the United States Department of Energy and the California Public Utilities Commission
- Presentation of key highlights of the Dunsky Expertise en Énergie Consulting presentation (July 9, 2008) to the Agence de l'efficacité énergétique (AEE - also known as Quebec Agency for Energy Efficiency)

Presentations from CWG members on low income programs, issues and lessons learned

- Presentations from GCC, Hydro One, EDA and LIEN on low-income programs, issues, program results and lessons learned
- Materials from SHSC describing the social housing sector were also distributed in lieu of a presentation

Subgroup discussion - portfolio and program templates - Judy Simon, Facilitator

- Continued sub group discussions on the issues with budgets, targets, and incentives for the short term natural gas DSM portfolio framework
- The objective of the subgroups are to complete and report on the following: a filled in portfolio template for the short-term DSM framework

CWG members were assigned to following subgroups:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Union Gas - Tracey Brooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enbridge - Cheryl Bezanson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) - Brian Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hydro One - Ian Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD) - Sarah Griffiths Savolaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts (CHEC) - Gord Eamer

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- Ontario Power Authority (OPA) - Luke Bond
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 - Enbridge Gas Distribution - Patricia Squires
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Subgroup report back

- Each subgroup reported back to the plenary on progress of their discussions regarding issues with the budgets, targets, and incentives for the short term natural gas DSM portfolio framework
- Below is a short summary of each subgroup report:

Group 1

- i. Concerned about the utilities' and other partners ability to ramp up in 2010 for program delivery and the impact and risk to shareholders; need to establish targets that are realistic for 2010; Will go back and take a bottom up approach to determine if deep measures e.g. furnaces are installed what the TRC for the program would be; there should be some incentive for the utility, for example, per deeply retrofitted home or per 1000 cubic meters of gas saved; the incentive should put on an equal footing with other non-low-income DSM



Group 2

- i. For 2010 limited geographic extension of program delivery where delivery agents have capacity should be considered; the gas utilities should review TRC under a number of scenarios with a combination of measures (e.g. furnaces, water heaters etc.)

Group 3

- i. Budget requirements for 2010 should be based on market capacity to deliver programs, measures and utilities' ability to ramp up; identify measures and prioritize measure potential by initial savings and long term persistent savings; clearly define what assumptions utilities' are using; could use Concentric Report and IndEco's CGA study as benchmark references to determine how programs were funded, the level of program spending per house and associated overheads per measure cost

Enbridge, Union and SHSC were asked to determine and bring forward for discussion at the next CWG meeting (July 9), the portfolio requirements and programs that could be developed and delivered in 2010

Review of the day and overview of next meeting - Judy Simon, facilitator

- Reviewed the day and, in particular, the issues and suggestions raised as part of the subgroup discussions and report back

Action Items

The following actions were identified throughout the CWG meeting:

- Board staff to send approved minutes to CWG members
- Board staff to send all presentations to CWG members
- Board staff to send an electronic copy of the complete listing of FAWG approved eligibility criteria to CWG members
- To develop the profile of low-income customers, those CWG members, in particular, LIEN, SHSC, and the OPA, that have data related to the number and distribution of low-income



consumers are requested to send the information to Board Staff prior to the next CWG meeting

- Enbridge and Union will provide an estimate of what the program results (e.g. uptake and gas savings) would have been for their low-income DSM programs in 2008 if there had been no TRC constraint; Enbridge and Union will develop scenarios which demonstrate, based on the number/type of technologies incrementally added, the point at which the balance of savings and spending reaches a negative TRC value
- Enbridge, Union and SHSC to present portfolio and program recommendations for short term framework at meeting # 3
- Enbridge will send electronic versions of materials handed out at meeting #2 to Board Staff
- IndEco will revise guiding principles and present them back to the CWG at meeting #3