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**To: All Parties to EB-2021-0002 (Enbridge Gas Inc. 2022-2027 Multi-Year Demand Side Management Proceeding)
All Rate Regulated Natural Gas Distributors
All Nominees to the Natural Gas Demand Side Management Stakeholder Advisory Group and Evaluation Advisory Committee**

Re: Membership Announcement - Natural Gas Demand Side Management Stakeholder Advisory Group and Evaluation Advisory Committee (EB-2022-0295)

This letter confirms the membership of the new Natural Gas Demand Side Management (DSM) Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and updated DSM Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC). The new OEB staff-led SAG will provide input on the OEB's natural gas conservation potential study and Enbridge Gas Inc.'s future multi-year DSM plan. The EAC will continue to provide input on DSM program evaluation related activities led by the OEB. Membership lists for the SAG and EAC can be found in Appendix A and Appendix B respectively.

Background

In its November 15, 2022 [Decision and Order](#), the OEB approved an updated DSM Policy Framework and 3-year DSM plan for Enbridge Gas Inc. beginning on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. The OEB also required an enhanced stakeholder engagement process, including a new OEB staff-led advisory group, to inform the development of Enbridge's next multi-year DSM plan from 2026-2030.

The SAG is expected to provide input on the OEB's upcoming natural gas conservation potential study and the makeup of Enbridge's next multi-year DSM plan. As part of the DSM Decision, the OEB indicated that it expects Enbridge's next multi-year DSM plan to achieve increasing levels of natural gas savings and contribute to greater reductions in overall natural gas consumption.

The OEB also indicated that the EAC will continue as a sub-committee of the SAG. However, the OEB indicated that any recommendations or decisions made by the EAC are not subject to the agreement of the SAG. Rather, working items from the EAC will be shared periodically with the DSM SAG for informational purposes.

Membership Selection

On December 8, 2022, the OEB issued a [call for nominations](#) for non-utility members for the SAG and EAC. The OEB indicated that the SAG would also include representation from OEB staff and Enbridge, and could include EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). As part of the DSM Decision, the OEB indicated that the SAG and EAC should be formed in a [similar manner](#) to the Integrated Resource Planning Technical Working Group.

The OEB has selected seven (7) non-utility members for the SAG and four (4) non-utility members for the EAC. The OEB also confirms the representatives from OEB staff and Enbridge, and observers representing EPCOR, the IESO, Natural Resources Canada, the Ministry of Energy, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. In making its selections of non-utility members, the OEB focused on establishing groups with the necessary technical expertise and relevant experience. Consistent with direction given in the DSM Decision, this included the consideration of independent experts from both Ontario and other leading jurisdictions. All members have relevant technical expertise that relates to and informs the activities to be addressed by the SAG and EAC. Non-utility members will participate on the SAG and EAC as individuals, not representatives of their respective organization.

Given the nominations received for the SAG, representation of all constituencies or interests potentially impacted by Enbridge's next multi-year DSM plan is not practical. As a result, the SAG may seek the expertise and/or input from other parties as appropriate. The OEB also expects to initiate broader engagement sessions with impacted customer groups – including low-income, residential, Indigenous, municipalities, commercial (small and large), and industrial customers – as well as environmental groups throughout the planning period related to Enbridge's next multi-year DSM plan. The objective of these sessions will be to allow interested and impacted groups to provide direct feedback to members of the SAG so barriers to energy efficiency can be highlighted and opportunities identified. This approach, combined with the work of the SAG, should allow for a planning process that is informed by technical experts and includes robust consultation with interested parties, with the goal of a more efficient regulatory process related to Enbridge's 2026 to 2030 DSM plan application.

The term of the SAG is estimated to be for approximately two (2) years, or until Enbridge files its next multi-year DSM plan application with the OEB. The term of the EAC is expected to be for four (4) years, until the completion of the OEB's evaluation process of Enbridge's 2025 DSM program results that is expected to happen during 2026. The OEB expects to review EAC membership on an annual basis.

The OEB thanks all nominees for their interest in participating on the SAG and EAC.

Next Steps

At a minimum, it is anticipated that the SAG will meet on a monthly basis, but meeting frequency will be scheduled in relation to the various work activities and may occur more frequently. The OEB intends to hold the first SAG meeting in March 2023. Initial agenda items will include approving a Terms of Reference and developing a workplan based on the SAG's priorities.

It is anticipated that the EAC will also meet on a monthly basis, but meeting frequency will be scheduled in relation to the various evaluation activities and may occur more frequently. The OEB intends to hold the first EAC meeting in April 2023. Initial agenda items will include approving a Terms of Reference and providing input on priority evaluation activities to be considered as part of the OEB's updated Evaluation, Measurement and Verification plan.

Following SAG and EAC meetings, the OEB will post key outcomes and related meeting materials on its [website](#), unless materials are determined to be confidential.

Any questions related to the DSM SAG and EAC should be directed to Josh Wasylyk at Josh.Wasylyk@oeb.ca

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DATED at Toronto, March 1, 2023

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**Appendix A: Natural Gas Demand Side Management
Stakeholder Advisory Group Members**

Name	Role
Josh Wasylyk	OEB staff representative (SAG chair)
Alexander Di Ilio	OEB staff representative
Christopher Humphries	OEB staff representative
Hatem Hassan	OEB staff representative
Craig Fernandes	Enbridge Gas representative
Deborah Bullock	Enbridge Gas representative
Erika Lontoc, Erika Lontoc Consulting	Non-utility member
Ted Weaver, Sunshine Bay Energy Consulting	Non-utility member
Francis Wyatt, Green Energy Economics	Non-utility member
Robert Wirtsafter, Wirtsafter Associates, Inc.	Non-utility member
Chris Neme, Energy Futures Group	Non-utility member
Ted Kesik, University of Toronto	Non-utility member
Jay Shepherd, Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation	Non-utility member
Stacy Ricketts, EPCOR Natural Gas LP	Observer
Evelyn Lundhild, Independent Electricity System Operator	Observer
Gabriel Weeks, Ministry of Energy	Observer
Parvez Khan, Ministry of Energy	Observer
Surbhi Jain, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Observer
Robert Blain, Natural Resources Canada	Observer

**Appendix B: Natural Gas Demand Side Management
Evaluation Advisory Committee Members**

Name	Role
Josh Wasylyk	OEB staff representative (EAC chair)
Alexander Di Ilio	OEB staff representative
Hatem Hassan	OEB staff representative
Bailey Kaufman	Enbridge Gas representative
Eric Buan	Enbridge Gas representative
Robert Wirtsafter, Wirtsafter Associates, Inc.	Non-utility member
Chris Neme, Energy Futures Group	Non-utility member
Katherine Johnson, Johnson Consulting Group	Non-utility member
Dan Violette, Apex Analytics LLC	Non-utility member
Alice Herrera, Independent Electricity System Operator	Observer
Luke Bond, Independent Electricity System Operator	Observer
Gabriel Weeks, Ministry of Energy	Observer
Parvez Khan, Ministry of Energy	Observer
Robert Blain, Natural Resources Canada	Observer