

BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORY #3

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Ref: Demand Side Management (DSM) related Deferral Accounts  
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Preamble:

Enbridge noted that it has included the DSM-related deferral account balances (2015 DSMVA, LRAMVA, DSMIDA) as part of the overall amounts requested for clearance. The noted accounts are currently under review as part of the OEB's review of the 2015 DSM results.

Enbridge stated that while it proposes clearing these accounts in conjunction with the other account balances approved for disposition as part of the current proceeding, the actual timing and final 2015 DSM-related account balances to be cleared will be approved by the OEB as part of its review process.

Question(s):

- a) Please advise as to the expected timing of the filing of the DSM deferral account disposition application.
- b) Please provide Enbridge's proposal in the situation where there is no approval of the final 2015 balances recorded in the DSM-related deferral accounts prior to the draft rate order stage in the current proceeding. Is it Enbridge's proposal that:
  - (i) the balances set out in the current application (Exhibit C / Tab 1 / Schedule / page 4) would be approved (and any variances arising from the separate DSM deferral account proceeding would be recorded for future disposition); or (ii) no DSM-related amounts would be approved for disposition as part of the current proceeding. Please provide rationale supporting the proposal.

RESPONSE

As outlined in the current DSM Framework and the Board's letter of August 21, 2015, regarding the 2015 to 2020 Demand Side Management Evaluation Process of Program Results (EB-2015-0245), the audit process is now overseen by the Board and carried out by a third party Evaluation Contractor ("EC") with input and advice from the Evaluation Advisory Committee ("EAC").

Witness: R. Small

- a) The audit of the gas utilities' 2015 DSM program results being overseen by the Board is still underway. Based on information shared with the EAC, the Board indicated the process would not be completed until later in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017. Since Enbridge cannot proceed with filing the 2015 DSM deferral account disposition application until the Board completes the 2015 review, the deferral account application is likely to be submitted sometime in Q4, 2017 at the earliest. This is more than 1 full year later than would have typically been filed by the Utilities.
  
- b) In the event there is no approval of the final 2015 balances recorded in the DSM-related deferral accounts prior to the draft rate order stage in the current proceeding, Enbridge does not expect that any DSM-related amounts would be approved for disposition as part of the current proceeding.