

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
Answer to Interrogatory from
Board Staff (STAFF)

Reference: AMP of Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas

Question:

- a) Please identify any capital spending that has been deferred or cancelled as a result of implementing Demand Side Management (DSM) initiatives in the ten year capital plans of Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas.
- b) Will the integrated AMP identify specific projects that were deferred or cancelled as a result of implementing DSM or other carbon reduction initiatives?
- c) Enbridge Gas Distribution has provided a more comprehensive AMP with details about asset condition and the AMP process as compared to the AMP of Union Gas. Please confirm that the integrated AMP will use the approach of Enbridge Gas Distribution.

Response

- a) As referenced in Exhibit C1, Tab 2, Schedule 1, page 61, the primary goal of infrastructure planning is to ensure that the utility's infrastructure is sufficiently robust to provide reliable and safe natural gas service that meets the designed condition peak hour requirement forecast. The historical impact of broad-based DSM programs on infrastructure investment is inherently captured in the infrastructure planning process.

As outlined in EB-2017-0128 DSM Mid-term Review, Appendix E, pages 10 to 12, Enbridge indicated that in 2019 one area of focus would be the review of reinforcement / LTC projects and identification with IRP Study outcomes and Transition Plan processes in mind. At the time of this 2019 rates application this process is ongoing. Further as indicated in the reply submission of EB-2018-0306 Stratford Reinforcement Project:

Enbridge Gas is committed to continuing to take steps to study and evolve natural gas IRP. ICF's conclusions from the IRP Report finds that integrating the potential for DSM to reduce infrastructure requirements into the facilities planning process will require significant changes in policy, as well as changes in the utility planning process. Enbridge Gas is reviewing potential reinforcement projects with in-service dates sufficiently in the future to allow geo-targeted DSM and

other non-facility options to be considered as alternatives. Enbridge Gas intends to make an application to the OEB seeking approval of an IRP proposals later this year.¹

IRP will continue to be monitored as part of Enbridge Gas's Asset Management Plan to ensure advancements made are acknowledged and incorporated during asset investment planning.

- b- c) Please see Exhibit I.STAFF.34. At this time, it has not been determined what approach will be followed or what information will be included in the integrated AMP.

¹ EB-2018-0306 Stratford Reinforcement Project, Enbridge Gas Reply Submission, pages 1 to 2.