

Meeting Notes

Natural Gas Demand Side Management Evaluation Advisory Committee (EB-2022-0295)

Meeting #23

Meeting Date: November 1, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees

EAC Members	Affiliation
Eric Buan	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Bailey Kaufman	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Robert Wirtsafter	Non-utility member (Wirtsafter Associates, Inc.)
Katherine Johnson	Non-utility member (Johnson Consulting Group)
Chris Neme	Non-utility member (Energy Futures Group)
Kristina Tremblay	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Dan Violette	Non-utility member (Apex Analytics)

Additional Attendees	Role/Affiliation
DNV Team	OEB's Evaluation Contractor
Alice Herrera	IESO
Luke Bond	IESO
Jennifer Smith	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

OEB Staff	Role
Josh Wasylyk	OEB Staff/EAC Chair, Senior Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation
Alex Di Ilio	OEB Staff, Manager, Application Policy and Conservation
Taiwo Ishmail	OEB Staff, Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation
Hatem Hassan	OEB Staff, Analyst, Application Policy and Conservation

Regrets

EAC Members	Affiliation
Paoyun Liu	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative

Purpose

These notes summarize the Evaluation Advisory Committee's discussions.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Welcome** (5 mins)
2. **Spillover** – Discussion (50 mins)
3. **Demand Controlled Ventilation** – Proxy NTG – Discussion (15 mins)
4. **Future Evaluation Activities** – Discussion (15 mins)
5. **Wrap-up** (5 mins)

1. Welcome

OEB staff welcomed the group and provided an overview of the topics for discussion.

2 Spillover– Discussion

Item Description	Discussion Comments/Outcome	Action Items
DNV provided an update on changes to Spillover report in response to comments from EAC.	Members discussed the draft spillover study results and report findings. Members suggested improvements for DNV to consider that address clarity and ability for the report to be understood by those without direct involvement, including providing clear descriptions of the spillover results. Members also had a general discussion on overall impact of various variables, including productivity increases, and the effects of spillover relative to these factors. Members provided recommendations for DNV to consider when making editorial revisions to the report to improve the clarity of its findings and recommendations. DNV agreed to consider all EAC comments as part of its planned update to the draft report. OEB staff outlined options for future work for EAC consideration and EAC members express interest in supporting/contributing to a building stock analysis. HOT2000 work is important to note not only if it over- or under-estimates, but also what the delta is for different measures. Members also emphasized the capture of factors like the impacts of installation on actual savings, since timing for a billing	DNV to update the spillover study report taking into consideration EAC comments and recommendations.

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	analysis on heat pumps alone is challenging due to the structure of the Greener Homes Program (i.e., combined with other measures). Members finally discussed options to assess heat pumps through the TRM vs a whole home assessment through HOT2000.	
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3 Demand Controlled Ventilation – Proxy NTG Discussion

Item Description	Discussion Comments/Outcome	Action Items
Enbridge brought a proposal forward for the group to consider the reasonableness of a proxy NTG value to be used for the DCV measure in 2025.	Enbridge provide background information related to the DCV measure and the basis for the current NTG ratio of 8% from the OEB's 2017 C&I Prescriptive NTG evaluation. Enbridge indicated that although the 8% represented a reasonable NTG value at the time the study was conducted, that this value was based on a very small sample for a measure that was not a central part of its offering nor a measure that high adoption in the market. Enbridge sought feedback from the EAC on the reasonableness of applying an updated proxy NTG value to the DCV measure in order to allow it to include it as part of its future offer. Non-utility EAC members were supportive of this approach considering the timing and nature of the NTG derived from the 2017 study and the high likelihood that the 8% NTG value significantly understated the true value. Non-utility members requested that Enbridge bring back a proposal for the updated value based on a jurisdictional scan and supporting material, similar to the approach undertaken with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee when developing proxy NTG values for future Custom Commercial and Industrial offers.	Enbridge to provide supporting materials for the EAC consideration of a proxy NTG value for the DCV measure.

4 Future Evaluation Activities – Discussion

Item Description	Discussion Comments/Outcome	Action Items
OEB staff provided an overview of future evaluation activities it is considering based on DNV's EM&V Plan recommendations.	OEB staff outlined options for future work for EAC consideration and EAC members express interest in supporting/contributing to all future studies OEB staff seeks to undertake, including market impact studies, residential evaluation items and any building stock inventory development.	OEB staff to circulate draft Scope of Work documents for future evaluation activities.

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5 Wrap up – Next Steps

OEB staff provided an overview of the agenda for the next meeting.

List of Action Items

No.	Action Item	Assignment/Owner	Due Date
1.	DNV to update spillover study in response to EAC comments and recommendations.	DNV	Mid-November
2.	Enbridge to provide supporting materials for proxy NTG value for DCV measures.	EGI	December
3.	OEB staff to circulate draft scope of work documents related to future evaluation activities for EAC review and comment.	OEB staff	December

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm

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