

Meeting Notes

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

Meeting #33

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees

EAC Members	Affiliation
Stephanie Fife	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Geoff Chung	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Robert Wirtsafter	Non-utility member (Wirtsafter Associates, Inc.)
Katherine Johnson	Non-utility member (Johnson Consulting Group)
Dan Violette	Non-utility member (Apex Analytics)
Chris Neme	Non-utility member (Energy Futures Group)

Additional Attendees	Role/Affiliation
DNV Team	OEB's Evaluation Contractor
Luke Bond	Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
Alice Herrera	Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

OEB Staff	Role
Josh Wasylyk	OEB Staff/EAC Chair, Senior Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation
Alexander Di Ilio	OEB Staff Senior Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation
James Smith	OEB Staff, Senior Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation
Taiwo Ishmail	OEB Staff, Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation

Regrets

EAC Members	Affiliation
Bailey Kaufman	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative

Purpose

These notes summarize the discussions of the Evaluation Advisory Committee.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Welcome** (5 mins)
2. **2024 Draft Annual Verification Report** (35 mins)
3. **Weighted Average Measure Life** (10 mins)
4. **Technical Resource Manual Updates** (5 mins)
5. **Wrap Up** (5 mins)

1. Welcome

OEB staff welcomed the group and provided an overview of the topics to be discussed.

2. 2024 Annual Verification

Item Description	Discussion Comments/Outcome	Action Items
Review of EAC comments and feedback on the 2024 Annual Verification Report.	DNV facilitated the discussion and addressed comments from the EAC regarding the 2024 DSM Annual Verification (AV) Report. Key points include: 1. Net-to-Gross (NTG): Some EAC members suggested minor revisions to the wording and description of some findings and recommendations from the PY2024 NTG Evaluation. DNV explained that the NTG section in the 2024 AV report directly reflects findings and recommendations from the recently completed PY2024 Custom Commercial, Industrial and Large Volume NTG study. DNV confirmed that no revisions will be made since the content was taken directly from the PY2024 NTG report, which was finalized in September and incorporated the EAC's comments. 2. Program Administrative Cost (PAC) Test: Non-utility EAC members recommended including the PAC test results more prominently in the report, including in the Audit Opinion and the Executive Summary. OEB staff provided background on the PAC test, including that it was noted as a secondary test in the OEB's previous iteration of the DSM policy framework, but was not named explicitly in the latest version. OEB staff also clarified that it had directed DNV to continue to calculate the PAC test results for inclusion in the 2024 AV Report, consistent with past reports, so that the information was available to compare across different program years. The EAC largely agreed that although the PAC test is not required by the DSM Framework, it provides important context and helps avoid misleading conclusions. For example, it provides additional context in interpreting the low residential TRC+ ratio of 0.40, as viewed through the PAC test, the program is cost-effective with a 2.47 ratio. The same is found for the portfolio overall, with a 0.65 TRC+	1. DNV to consider EAC comments and recommendations as part of its final update to the 2024 AV Report. 2. DNV will circulate a comment response matrix when it distributes the final report.

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	ratio and a 3.04 PAC ratio. Enbridge Gas (EGI) noted that if included, it should be clear noted that the TRC+ test is the primary test required by the OEB and proper context for why the PAC results have been presented. OEB staff indicated it would consider recommendations from the group and consider the appropriate updates to the 2024 AV Report and provide direction to DNV on any changes that should be made. 3. Inflation rate and Sensitivity Analysis: Non-utility EAC members suggested using forward-looking inflation forecasts from credible sources, such as the Bank of Canada, in the 2024 AV Report. DNV noted that the approach how to apply changes to inflation rates are determined by the OEB, through the DSM Framework and Decisions on EGI's plans, and not within the scope of the Evaluation Contractor to revise. DNV also reiterated that the report maintains last year's recommendation for the OEB to establish criteria for inflation that would require sensitivity analysis using a range of different inflation scenarios to assess how inflation impacts the overall cost-effectiveness and net present value results. Non-utility EAC members recommended contextualizing the recommendation by noting that current interest rates are backward-looking, while ideally forward-looking rates would be used.	
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3. Weighted Average Measure Life (WAML):

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OEB staff facilitated a conversation to reach consensus on the approach to calculating the WAML.	Following the initial WAML discussion during Meeting #32 and the EAC's request for additional information from DNV and the EGI implementation team, OEB staff facilitated a follow-up conversation to reach consensus on the WAML calculation approach and the rationale for any potential changes. The current WAML methodology applies a NTG factors for lifetime and first-year savings, consistent with those developed as part of the OEB's NTG evaluations. In the previous meeting, the EAC engaged in a discussion on the impacts and merits of continuing with the current approach or changing to use a single NTG factor for both lifetime and first-year savings (as suggested by EGI). The EAC discussed the memo provided by DNV following Meeting #32 which provided more information on the WAML calculation, the basis for the variables, and sample calculations using the current approach (which relies on separate NTG values for lifetime and first-year savings) and EGI's proposed approach (which relies on a single NTG value). EGI also provided an overview of the impacts to program implementation should WAML fall below the OEB-approved threshold of 14-years, noting that it may require a change in approach where less shorter life measures being offered, particularly in commercial/industrial programs, but it was	N/A

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	noted, the WAML improvement consideration conflicts with TRC challenges within the residential program. OEB staff clarified that there is no immediate need to change the current approach, as there are no discrete implications to program budget approvals, program scorecards/metrics, or shareholder incentive amounts. Non-utility EAC members agreed that the approach currently used by DNV, where separate NTG values are applied based on lifetime and first-year savings, continues to be appropriate as it provides the most accurate estimate of WAML. Non-Utility EAC members reached consensus that no change should be made.	
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4. Technical Resource Manual (TRM) updates

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DNV provided a status update on TRM updates	DNV provided a status update on the updates being made to the TRM, stating that they expect to receive comment from EGI by December 5. Following EGI's feedback, DNV anticipates finalizing the TRM updates by December 19.	DNV to finalize TRM updates.

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 circulate a comment response matrix and distribute the final report.	DNV	Dec. 19, 2025
2	DNV to finalize TRM updates.	DNV	Dec. 19, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 pm.

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