

Meeting Notes

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

Meeting #34

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees

EAC Members	Affiliation
Bailey Kaufman	Enbridge Gas Inc. representative
Stephanie Fife	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)
Dan Violette	Non-utility member (Apex Analytics)

Additional Attendees	Role/Affiliation
Luke Bond	IESO

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

Purpose

These notes summarize the discussions of the Evaluation Advisory Committee.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Welcome** (5 mins)
2. **2026-27 Planned Commercial and Industrial Impact Evaluations** (50 mins)
3. **Wrap Up** (5 mins)

1. Welcome

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

2. Planned Commercial and Industrial Impact Evaluation Activities – Discussion

Item Description	Discussion Comments/Outcome	Action Items
OEB staff sought advice from the EAC on planned Commercial and Industrial program evaluation activities scheduled for the next two years.	OEB staff provided an overview of the recent Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Request for Proposal (RFP) process, outlining the evaluation activities included in the RFP. The purpose was to seek advice from the EAC on potential evaluation activities to be undertaken under the vendor contract following completion of the competitive procurement process. OEB staff noted that these activities were selected based on priority, alignment with the broader evaluation plan, cost considerations, impact, and usefulness of results. EAC members engaged in a productive discussion and raised several questions focused on: • The usefulness of the proposed evaluation activities given potential program changes in the 2027-30 DSM Plan proceeding. • The impact of evaluation activities on incentives and DSMI from a policy perspective, including how best to incorporate and consider spillover analysis. • Concerns that the emphasis on NTG may be too strong and • A recommendation to address broader questions beyond NTG, with more focus on spillover. The EAC requested that Enbridge Gas (EGI) provide more detailed information on potential program design in the 2027–30 DSM application to evaluate it against the proposed activities. EGI also flagged concerns regarding the amount of work being proposed. The EAC reached consensus agreement on the inclusion of the suggested impact evaluation activities. These primarily focus on: • Net-to-Gross (NTG) evaluations for Commercial & Industrial programs • Updated Measure Life Study • New Persistence Study for the Commercial Direct Install offer	After the contract has been finalized and individual evaluation activities have been selected to proceed, EGI to provide details on the potential design of its Commercial and Industrial program in 2027-30 DSM Plan application.

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3. 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	EGI to provide details on the potential design of its Commercial and Industrial program in 2027-30 DSM Plan application.	EGI	TBD – OEB staff will update the group following vendor contracting and discuss timeline for determining the scope and timing of future EM&V work.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 pm.

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