



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2017-0323

UNION GAS LIMITED

Application for approval of shareholder incentives, lost revenues, and program expenditures related to 2015 demand side management programs.

BEFORE: Susan Frank
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member and Vice Chair

Rumina Velshi
Member

August 31, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) proceeding.

Union Gas filed an application with the OEB on December 18, 2017 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for an order or orders seeking approval to dispose of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts related to the delivery of conservation programs in 2015.

The OEB granted the Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Green Energy Coalition (GEC), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), London Property Management Association (LPMA), Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG), Ontario Sustainable Energy Coalition (OSEA) and School Energy Coalition (SEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On July 12, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Union Gas to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Union Gas.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, Energy Probe, GEC, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA and SEC. CME did not file a cost claim. On July 30, 2018, Union Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by BOMA, Energy Probe, GEC, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA and SEC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that all cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Union Gas.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union Gas Limited shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto \$4,325.64
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$7,470.98
 - Green Energy Coalition \$3,859.35
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$4,805.31
 - London Property Management Association \$4,922.28
 - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$3,113.15
 - Ontario Sustainable Energy Coalition \$6,117.47
 - School Energy Coalition \$11,783.64

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union Gas Limited shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto August 31, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary