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SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2017-0224/EB-2017-0255/EB-2017-0275

ENBRIDGE GAS INC. EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

**Application for approval of the cost consequences of 2018 cap
and trade compliance plans**

BEFORE: Susan Frank
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

November 28 , 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on an additional cost claim filed with respect to an Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas), Union Gas Limited (Union Gas)¹ and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) proceeding.

Enbridge Gas, Union Gas and EPCOR Natural Gas (collectively the Gas Utilities) each filed an application with the OEB seeking approval of the forecast costs arising from their cap and trade Compliance Plans for the January 1 - December 31, 2018 time period.

The OEB granted the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO); Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA); Consumer Council of Canada (CCC); Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME); Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe); Environmental Defence; Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO); Green Energy Coalition (GEC), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA); Low-income Energy Network (LIEN); London Property Management Association (LPMA); Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA); Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) (collectively, Cost Eligible Parties) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 10, 2018, the OEB issued its Procedural Order No.7 in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for the Gas Utilities to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by the Gas Utilities.

On March 18, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards and approved the cost claims by intervenors including VECC.

The OEB awarded VECC a cost award of \$20,717.84 for this proceeding. On October 23, 2019, VECC filed an additional cost claim of \$14,393.09 stating that the invoice relating to EB-2017-0224 was never received from the consulting firm by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and was never included with the original cost claim.

¹ Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited amalgamated effective January 1, 2019 to become Enbridge Gas Inc.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed VECC's cost claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB accepts that VECC made an administrative error and will accept its additional cost claim. The OEB reminds VECC that the cost claims are to be filed by the date specified in the OEB's order and in future it should be careful to ensure that the OEB's deadlines are met.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall immediately pay VECC \$14,358.39.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall immediately pay VECC \$34.70.
3. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas Inc. and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice, based on their respective number of customers.

DATED at Toronto November 28, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A

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ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTERSHIP

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Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
Enbridge Gas Inc.	\$ 14,358.39
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	\$ 34.70
TOTAL	\$ 14,393.09