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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0305

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for 2019 Rates

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Susan Frank
Member

December 9, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Enbridge Gas filed a complete rate application with the OEB on December 14, 2018 under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) seeking approval for changes to its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2019.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On September 12, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Enbridge Gas to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge Gas.

The OEB received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, QMA, SEC and VECC. On November 4, 2019, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the time claimed by BOMA will be reduced by 50 hours. BOMA's hours were 39% higher than any other intervenor, and the OEB does not find that this additional time was commensurate with added value to the proceeding. The claim will be reduced by a further \$4.67 to correct for a discrepancy between the amount claimed

for hotel accommodation (\$940.11) and the amounts shown on the accompanying hotel receipts (\$935.44). In total, the BOMA cost claim will be reduced by \$18,649.67 (including HST). The claims for all other intervenors are approved.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$26,537.28
• Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto	\$40,597.91
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$19,855.23
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$15,288.90
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$28,494.08
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$29,044.98
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$21,005.67
• London Property Management Association	\$16,146.57
• Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators	\$2,730.00
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$13,665.09
• Quinte Manufacturers Association	\$5,181.05
• School Energy Coalition	\$41,690.22
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$19,979.87

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

DATED at Toronto December 9, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary