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



EB-2010-0186

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., pursuant to section 36(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas as of July 1, 2010;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism approved by the Ontario Energy Board in proceedings: RP-2000-0040, RP-2002-0133, RP-2003-0203 and EB-2008-0106.

By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated June 11, 2010 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas effective July 1, 2010 (the "Application"). Enbridge indicated that the Application was prepared in accordance with the process for Enbridge's Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") approved by the Board. The Board has assigned file number EB-2010-0186 to the Application. A Decision and Order was issued on June 28, 2010, which, among other things, directed parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Enbridge no later than July 9, 2010. Enbridge had until July 16, 2010 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Enbridge's comments were to be filed with the Board and Enbridge by July 23, 2010.

The Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") filed cost claims with the Board and copied Enbridge.

On July 12, 2010, Enbridge filed a letter stating that it had no objections to IGUA's and CME's cost claims.

I have reviewed IGUA's and CME's cost claims and find both parties to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. I also find each party's cost claims to be reasonable.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay:
  - IGUA its costs equal to \$771.27; and
  - CME its costs equal to \$949.99.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, July 20, 2010

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Original signed by

Pascale Duguay Manager, Electricity Rates Applications