



EB-2010-0148

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 Union Gas
Limited for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and
reasonable rates and other charges for the sale,
distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective
January 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Karen Taylor
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Union Gas Distribution Inc. ("Union") filed an Application on September 15, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, as amended, for an order of the Board approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2011. The Board assigned the Application file number EB-2010-0148.

On October 20, 2010, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status and cost eligibility to the following intervenors:

- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (“CME”);
- City of Kitchener;
- 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”);
- Pollution Probe; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

The Board issued its Decision on the application on November 16, 2010, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Union.

The Board received cost claims from CME, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA and VECC. City of Kitchener and Pollution Probe did not submit any cost claim. No comments were received from Union.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the claims filed by CME, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA and VECC.

The Board has made one adjustment to CME’s cost claim. The Board notes that the total amount on Forms 1 and 2 filed by CME does not match with the information filed on its Form 3. The Board has determined that the total amount on Form 3 is \$9,805.12.

The Board has made one adjustment to IGUA’s cost claim due to a calculation error when calculating Form 2. The Board has determined that the total amount on Form 3 is \$2,394.38.

The Board finds that Energy Probe, FRPO, LPMA, OAPPA and VECC are eligible to recover 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that CME’s and IGUA’s claims, adjusted as described above, are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act*, 1998, Union shall immediately pay:
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$2,884.18;
 - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$3,356.10;
 - London Property Management Association \$1,864.50;
 - Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators \$760.00;
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$1,949.92;
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$9,805.12; and
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$2,394.38.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, Union shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, January 11, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary