



EB-2007-0720

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, 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 October 1, 2007;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism approved by the Ontario Energy Board in RP-2003-0063.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application (the "Application") dated August 28, 2007, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas commencing October 1, 2007. The Application was made pursuant to Union's approved Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM"). Union also provided the Application and evidence supporting the proposed changes to all parties of record in the EB-2005-0520 proceeding. Union's application was assigned Board file number EB-2007-0720.

On August 30, 2007, the Board issued a Notice of Written Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 (the "Notice"), which set out the case timetable and indicated that the Board had automatically accepted the intervenors of record in Union's last rates case (EB-2005-0520) as intervenors in this proceeding. Intervenors that were eligible for costs in EB-2005-0520 were automatically deemed eligible for costs in this proceeding.

The Board issued its Decision on September 14, 2007, and directed parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Union no later than September 24, 2007. If Union had any comments concerning the claims, these concerns were to be forwarded to the Board and copied to all parties by October 1, 2007. Any responses to Union's comments were to be filed with the Board and Union by October 9, 2007.

The Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") filed a cost claim with the Board and copied Union.

No comments were received from Union.

IGUA was an intervenor of record in EB-2005-0520 and was deemed eligible for cost awards in this proceeding. The Board has reviewed IGUA's cost claim and finds IGUA to be entitled to 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board also finds the cost claim to be reasonable and approves it.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay IGUA its costs equal to \$963.60.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

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DATED at Toronto, October 30, 2007

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Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary