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



EB-2012-0048

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 closure of Deferral Account 179-121 and Deferral Account 179-122 as of April 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Marika Hare Presiding Member

> Paul Sommerville Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS May 23, 2012

Background

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application dated January 30, 2012 with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board approving closure of Deferral Account 179-121 – Cumulative Under-Recovery – St. Clair Transmission Line and Deferral Account 179-122 – Impact of Removing St. Clair Transmission Line from Rates (together the "St. Clair Line Deferral Accounts") (the "Application"). The Board assigned File Number EB-2012-0048 to the application.

On February 7, 2012, the Board issued its Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1, adopting the intervenors in EB-2008-0411, EB-2010-0039, EB-2011-0038 and EB-2011-0025 as intervenors in this proceeding. The Board also determined that

intervenors that were eligible for costs in any of the above listed proceedings are deemed eligible for costs in this proceeding.

On March 28, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order, 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 the Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto ("BOMA"), the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME") and the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO"). No comments were received from Union.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of BOMA, CME and FRPO and finds that each of BOMA, CME and FRPO are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all claims are reasonable and Union shall reimburse BOMA, CME and FRPO for their costs.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay:

•	Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	\$6,906.50;
•	Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$12,042,98; and
•	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$7,830.90.

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, May 23, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary