



EB-2011-0354

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. 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 January 1, 2013.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member and Vice-Chair

Paula Conboy
Member

Ellen Fry
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
April 19, 2013

Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application on January 31, 2012 with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Schedule B (the “Act”) 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 January 1, 2013. The Board assigned File Number EB-2011-0354 to the application.

On March 29, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (“APPrO”), Building Owners and Managers Association 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”), Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (“OAPPA”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On August 29, 2012, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 4, granting the Green Energy Coalition (“GEC”) and the Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning Coalition (“HVAC Coalition”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On February 7, 2013, the Board issued its Decision on Equity Ratio and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge.

The Board received cost claims from APPRO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, GEC, HVAC Coalition, IGUA, SEC and VECC. OAPPA did not file a cost claim. On March 7, 2013, Enbridge filed a letter stating that it had no objections to all the cost claims.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed all the cost claims.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claims of BOMA, CME, FRPO and GEC have each been subject to minor reductions for one or both of the following reasons: lack of receipts; failure to comply with the government’s *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the cost claims of APPrO, CCC, Energy Probe, HVAC Coalition, IGUA, SEC and VECC are reasonable as are the adjusted claims of BOMA, CME, FRPO and GEC and each of these cost claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

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

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario \$54,077.90;
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto \$97,895.66;
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$163,331.43;
- Consumers Council of Canada \$100,446.63;
- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$52,486.68;
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$46,400.47;
- Green Energy Coalition \$7,277.83;
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning Coalition \$22,110.00;
- Industrial Gas Users Association \$3,181.02;
- School Energy Coalition \$82,560.00; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$145,350.95.

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

DATED at Toronto, April 19, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary