



**EB-2013-0099**

**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 its proposal for open billing services;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for an order or orders amending or varying the rates charged to customers for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas commencing January 1, 2014.

**BEFORE:** Paula Conboy  
Presiding Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**  
**November 15, 2013**

**Background**

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application on May 9, 2013 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order of the Board approving its proposal for continuing Open Bill Access services and the sharing of net revenues from those services with ratepayers.

On June 26, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2, granting the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (“CME”), Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), HVAC Coalition, the Low-Income Energy Network (“LIEN”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On September 23, 2013, the Board issued its Decision on Settlement Agreement Open Bill, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge.

Cost claims were submitted by CME and VECC by the October 4, 2013 deadline specified in the Decision and Order. HVAC Coalition's cost claim was received on October 8 and Energy Probe on October 15, 2013.

On October 10, 2013, Enbridge stated that the claims were within the allowances of prescribed rates within the cost assessment guidelines and had no objection to the claims.

### Board Findings

The Board has reviewed all the cost claims and accepts the cost claim filed by HVAC Coalition and Energy Probe notwithstanding the late filing. The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claims of CME and VECC have been subject to a minor reduction due to failure to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claims of Energy Probe, HVAC Coalition and LIEN are reasonable as are the adjusted claims of CME and VECC and each of these 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 the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$10,287.25;
- Energy Probe Research Foundation \$5,045.44;
- HVAC Coalition \$13,629.00;
- Low-Income Energy Network \$7,356.87; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$11,023.04.

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, November 15, 2013

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary