



EB-2013-0413

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 36(1) of 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 as of January 1, 2014;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") approved by the Ontario Energy Board in RP-2003-0063 and EB-2008-0106.

By Delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
February 3, 2014**

On December 5, 2013 Union Gas Limited ("Union") applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order effective January 1, 2014 to change its rates and other charges for the sale, distribution and storage of natural gas as set by the Board in EB-2011-0210 (Union's 2013 Cost of Service proceeding) and subsequently adjusted in EB-2013-0316 (Union's previous QRAM proceeding). Union filed a correction to the evidence supporting its application on December 10, 2013.

A Decision and Order was issued on December 19, 2013 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Union no later than December 26, 2013. Union had until January 5, 2014 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Union's concerns were to be filed with the Board and Union by January 12, 2014.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") and the Industrial Gas Users

Association (“IGUA”) filed cost claims with the Board and copied Union. No objections were received from Union.

On January 22, 2014, the Board sent a letter to CME requesting an explanation for the lengthy preparation time claimed in this proceeding. In its reply to the Board’s letter, CME stated that the original QRAM application was filed on December 5, 2013 and was reviewed on December 9, 2013. On December 10, 2013, Union filed corrected evidence. As a result, CME spent additional time reviewing the corrected evidence.

In light of this explanation, I find both cost claims to be reasonable.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay:
 - the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters’ cost claim total of \$1,572.96; and
 - the Industrial Gas Users Association’s cost claim total of \$550.95.
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.

ISSUED at Toronto February 3, 2014.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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