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



EB-2014-0043

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 rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas.

BEFORE: Marika Hare Presiding Member

> Allison Duff Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS May 22, 2014

Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on February 13, 2014 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) for an order giving final approval for Rider C commodity unit rates that were approved on an interim basis in the Board's EB-2013-0406 Decision and Interim Order, dated December 20, 2013.

On February 27, 2014, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status to all approved intervenors on record in Enbridge's EB-2012-0459 proceeding. The Board also noted that parties that met the eligibility criteria contained in the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* may submit costs with supporting rationale as to how their participation contributed to the Board's ability to decide on this matter.

On April 10, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for the Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") to file its cost claim, for Enbridge to object to the claim and for IGUA to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge.

On May 12, 2014, Enbridge filed its response to IGUA's revised cost claim filed on May 9, 2014, and stated that it had no objections.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed IGUA's cost claim and finds that IGUA is eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that IGUA's claim is reasonable and 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 Industrial Gas Users Association \$1,938.02.
- 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, May 22, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary