



EB-2014-0208

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, 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 October 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.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

December 29, 2014

Background

On September 11, 2014, Union Gas Limited ("Union") applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order effective October 1, 2014 to change its rates and other charges for the sale, distribution and storage of natural gas.

The application was made pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 and in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism available to

Union for dealing with changes in gas costs, as established by the Board in a proceeding involving all rate regulated gas distributors¹.

On November 20, 2014, the Board issued its Final Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Union to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Union.

The Board received cost claims from the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA).

On December 8, 2014, Union filed its response to the cost claims filed and stated that it had no objections to the cost claims from CME and IGUA.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of CME and IGUA. The Board finds that both parties that have filed cost claims are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that both claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$1,856.59; and
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$3,911.17.
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, December 29, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

¹ EB-2008-0106