



EB-2014-0145

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 for an order or orders clearing certain non-commodity related deferral accounts;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Union Gas Limited for an order approving a deferral account to capture variances between balances approved for disposition and amounts actually refunded/recovered.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Ellen Fry
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
January 20, 2015

Background

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application dated May 2, 2014 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 of the Board approving the final disposition of 2013 year-end deferral account balances. The Application also requested the approval of a new Deferral Clearing Variance Account (Account No. 179-132).

On June 13, 2014, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA); Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME); Consumers Council of Canada (CCC); Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO); Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA); London Property Management Association (LPMA); Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 27, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Rate 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 BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG and VECC. CCC did not file a cost claim.

On December 17, 2014, Union filed its response to the cost claims filed and stated that it had no objections to the cost claims from BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG and VECC.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG and VECC.

The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of OGVG requires a minor reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the claims of BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA and VECC and the adjusted claim of OGVG 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:

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- Building Owners and Managers Association \$14,666.54;
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$20,036.88;
 - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$11,000.55
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$19,117.71;
 - London Property Management Association \$8,571.77;
 - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$12,406.22; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$5,831.03.

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, January 20, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary