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



EB-2014-0276

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 approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas commencing January 1, 2015.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 March 3, 2015

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) filed an application dated November 28, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998* for an order or orders approving rates commencing January 1, 2015.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 Enbridge on February 19, 2015 filed its answers to interrogatories but declined to provide its 2014 actual results saying that the information was not relevant to the determination of the 2015 rate application. A number of parties had requested such information in their interrogatories. In Procedural Order No. 3 dated February 24, 2015 the OEB noted the dispute between Enbridge and the parties over the provision of the 2014 actual results. The OEB therefore provided an opportunity for parties to make submissions on why 2014 actual information is both relevant and required in this proceeding.

Enbridge filed a letter on February 26, 2015 saying that it would provide responses to the un-answered interrogatories and undertakings that sought the 2014 actual information. Enbridge clarified that would would do so only in relation to those items that are subject to update within this 2015 Rate Adjustment proceeding. The updated responses would be provided as soon as possible, and in advance of the ADR session. Enbridge also provided a list of the interrogatory responses that it would update.

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) filed a letter dated February 27, 2015 saying that "all information pertaining to Enbridge's 2014 actual results" is required and should be provided on the basis of relevance. This would include the provision of information even if it was not directly related to the items subject to update in this 2015 Rate Adjustment proceeding. Board staff's letter of the same date offered that Enbridge's approach to the 2014 actuals is reasonable because it aligned the information requests with the determinations that the Board would need to make in reviewing and approving the 2015 Final rates.

The OEB finds that the 2014 actual results are relevant and required in this proceeding because such information is needed to assess the reliability and reasonableness of the 2015 forecasts.

On the question of whether the 2014 actual results should be limited to the elements of the 2015 rates application that are required to be updated, the OEB finds that such limitation is appropriate in this proceeding. Given that the primary objective of releasing the 2014 actual results is to evaluate the reliability and reasonableness of the 2015 forecasts for those certain elements to be updated, the OEB finds that this objective can be accomplished by having access to the actual 2014 results for such elements. The OEB will therefore order the provisions of such information.

The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE OEB THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Enbridge shall provide all 2014 actual results pertaining to the elements of the 2015 rates application that are required to be updated. This shall be filed by the end of the day **Tuesday**, **March 3**, **2015**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2014-0276** and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the Board's web portal at <u>www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. Two paper copies must also be filed.

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DATED at Toronto, March 3, 2015

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