

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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2015-0181

UNION GAS LIMITED

Dawn Reference Price and North T-Service Application

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle

Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed

Member

April 19, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On July 15, 2015, Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application with the OEB pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for approval to change the reference price used to set commodity rates through the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) process. Union also requested a new optional North T-service Transportation from Dawn to provide customers with access to Dawn-based supply.

The OEB granted the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO), Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), London Property Management Association (LPMA), Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 30, 2015, Union filed a Settlement Proposal reaching a settlement on all issues with the exception of the new optional North T-Service Transportation service. On March 17, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Order with respect to the unsettled issue and 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 OEB received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, SEC and VECC. On March 31, 2016, Union stated that it had no objections to the cost claims. By e-mail dated March 30, 2016, OAPPA stated that they are not filing any cost claims.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by APPrO, BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of APPrO, BOMA, CME, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 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:

•	Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$18,457.12
•	Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	\$ 6,276.02
•	Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$10,771.16
•	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$11,075.37
•	Industrial Gas Users Association	\$10,351.23
•	London Property Management Association	\$ 7,059.00
•	School Energy Coalition	\$ 5,782.21
•	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$10,639.87

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto April 19, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary