



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
EB-2015-0267

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

Application for approval of final balances and for clearance of certain Demand Side Management deferral and variance accounts into rates

BEFORE: Christine Long
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Susan Frank
Member

July 25, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on November 2, 2015 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for an order or orders approving the balances and the clearance of certain 2014 Demand Side Management deferral and variance accounts, within the next available Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism following the OEB's approval.

The OEB granted the Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Green Energy Coalition (GEC), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) and Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On May 26, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claim, for Enbridge to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, IGUA and OSEA. Energy Probe and GEC did not file a cost claim. On June 23, 2016, Enbridge filed its response to the cost claims indicating that it had no overall objection to the cost claims but noted that there was a calculation error on the scanning/photocopying disbursement charge in OSEA's claim. Enbridge also noted that BOMA's claim included a receipt for a courier disbursement which shows the base price of \$10.89 and the total billing amount of \$11.99 but the receipt does not show an additional \$1.56 for HST. In addition, Enbridge noted that IGUA's hours were approximately 60% higher than the combined hours of BOMA and OSEA.

On June 27, 2016, IGUA responded to Enbridge's comments. IGUA noted that in respect of the driver of the bulk of the difference between its cost claim and those of the other two intervenors, IGUA filed submissions on Enbridge's application, addressing 6 discrete topics in 7 pages, all focussed on Enbridge's large industrial rate classes which apply to IGUA's members. IGUA also noted that the other two intervenors did not file submissions on Enbridge's application.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims and finds that BOMA, IGUA and OSEA are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

The claim of OSEA requires a minor reduction of \$6.02 to correct an error in the HST calculation in the disbursement charge. The OEB notes that BOMA's courier expense receipt was for \$11.99 rather than \$13.55 claimed. BOMA's expense claim will be reduced to be consistent with their expense receipt.

The OEB has considered Enbridge's concern that IGUA's cost claim is higher than the combined claims of the two intervenors who filed cost claims. In light of the submissions made by IGUA, the OEB considers the difference in cost claim amounts to be substantiated.

The OEB finds that the claim of IGUA and the adjusted claims of BOMA and OSEA are reasonable and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay:

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| • Building Owners and Managers Association | \$2,715.51 |
| • Industrial Gas Users Association | \$6,450.99 |
| • Ontario Sustainable Energy Association | \$754.37 |

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

DATED at Toronto July 25, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary