



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2016-0142

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

**Application for the disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral or
variance accounts and to share earnings with ratepayers**

BEFORE: Ellen Fry
Presiding Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

Susan Frank
Member

October 5, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 20, 2016 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B), for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral or variance accounts (the application). The application also sought approval of the 2015 earnings sharing amount.

The OEB granted intervenor status and cost award eligibility to the following parties:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On August 11, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, 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, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC and VECC. No objections were received from Enbridge.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, 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 claim of BOMA requires a minor reduction because the courier receipts did not match with the claim. The OEB finds that the claims of CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of BOMA are reasonable and 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 the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Building Owners and Managers Association \$8,340.29
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$9,732.69
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$4,474.80
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$3,417.05
 - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$12,119.25
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$9,400.23
 - School Energy Coalition \$3,323.33
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$5,911.59

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 October 5, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary