



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0174

UNION GAS LIMITED

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing
July 1, 2018**

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Pascale Duguay

August 21, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated June 11, 2018 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas effective July 1, 2018.

On June 26, 2018, Union Gas filed a letter with the OEB indicating that it would be unable to implement new rates under the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) as of July 1, 2018 if the rate orders were not issued by June 27, 2018. Union Gas proposed that, in such an event, the current rates remain in place until the next QRAM cycle in the fall.

The OEB issued a letter dated June 28, 2018 accepting the utilities' proposal to discontinue the July 1, 2018 QRAM in favour of deferring the setting of new QRAM rates, and the disposition of their purchased gas variance account balances, to the October 1, 2018 QRAM. Union Gas' current rate order therefore remains in effect.

The OEB issued its Procedural Order No. 1 on July 19, 2018 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the OEB and Union Gas no later than August 1, 2018. Union Gas had until August 8, 2018 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Union Gas' concerns were to be filed with the OEB and Union Gas by August 15, 2018.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and the Industrial Gas Users Association filed cost claims with the OEB and copied Union Gas. On July 23, 2018, Union Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

OEB Findings

I have reviewed the cost claims filed and found them to be reasonable and find both parties to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

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| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$1,102.88 |
| • Industrial Gas Users Association | \$1,346.17 |

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

DATED at Toronto August 21, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Pascale Duguay
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