



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

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0131

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

**Application for the disposition of amounts recorded in certain
deferral and variance accounts and approval of the earnings
sharing amount**

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Lynne Anderson
Member

Michael Janigan
Member

November 28, 2018

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas) proceeding.

Enbridge Gas filed an application dated June 27, 2018 with the OEB under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B)* for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

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

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- 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 October 18, 2018, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Enbridge Gas to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge Gas.

The OEB received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC and VECC. Enbridge Gas had no objection to the cost claims.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction).

The OEB finds that the cost claim of the FRPO requires a reduction of \$158.40 (including HST of \$18.22) to meet the maximum daily rate of \$200 for accommodation as per the guidance in the Practice Direction issued on August 25, 2017. The OEB finds that the claims of APPrO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, IGUA, SEC, VECC, and the reduced claim for FRPO, are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge Gas.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$2,857.97
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$11,012.86
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$7,085.10
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$10,202.70
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$10,319.86
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$6,857.28
• School Energy Coalition	\$5,847.75
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$10,290.06

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

DATED at Toronto November 28, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary