

May 3, 2019

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor
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Attn: Ms Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

By electronic filing and e-mail

Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2018-0300 – 0301, 2016 DSM Clearances, GEC Cost Claim

We are in receipt of Mr. Steirs' letter of May 3rd on behalf of Enbridge requesting clarification of GEC's cost claim in this matter.

Enbridge asks: "The cost claim submitted by GEC includes 5.65 hours of preparatory time for an Oral Hearing. Procedural Order No. 1 (dated January 21, 2019), established that the OEB would proceed by way of a written hearing. Enbridge Gas suggests that the OEB request clarification from GEC regarding the classification of these hours."

In response I can clarify that these hours were not with respect to an oral hearing – they were initial preparation reviewing the company applications and determining the GEC response. The categorization as 'oral hearing preparation' was chosen for want of a better category on the Board's prescribed form. Perhaps this time would be better characterized as IR preparation in that reviewing applications and determining objectives are necessary steps prior to actual development of IRs. If further explanation is required I would direct Enbridge and Board Staff to the actual time dockets with task descriptions that were filed in support of our cost claim.

I trust this is satisfactory. Please feel free to contact me if further explanation is required.

Sincerely,



David Poch
Cc: Enbridge