

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0306

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Stratford Reinforcement Project

BEFORE: Susan Frank
Presiding Member

Robert Dodds
Vice Chair

Cathy Spoel
Member

May 15, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

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

Enbridge Gas applied to the OEB under sections 90 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an order granting leave to construct approximately 10.8 kilometres of natural gas transmission pipeline in the Counties of Oxford and Perth and approval of the form of temporary land use agreement related to the construction of the proposed pipeline.

The OEB granted the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Mr. Steven Veldman intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 28, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and 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 IGUA and SEC. Mr. Veldman did not submit a cost claim. On April 18, 2019, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from IGUA and SEC.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed 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 OEB finds that the claims of IGUA and SEC 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 Inc. shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Industrial Gas Users Association \$3,590.69
- School Energy Coalition \$9,769.98

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

DATED at Toronto May 15, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary