

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0205

## **ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

2019 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application

**BEFORE: Lynne Anderson** 

Presiding Member

Michael Janigan

Member

**Susan Frank** 

Member

#### 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 has applied to the OEB for approval under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (OEB Act) to increase rates to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA).

The OEB granted Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO), Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Environmental Defence (ED), Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), London Property Management Association (LPMA), Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA), Ontario Sustainability Energy Association (OSEA), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On July 25, 2019, 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 by the due date from APPrO, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OSEA and SEC. OAPPA did not file a cost claim. The OEB accepts CCC's cost claim filed on August 9, 2019, ED's cost claim filed on August 11, 2019 and VECC's cost claim filed on August 13, 2019, notwithstanding the late filing.

On August 15, 2019, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections 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*.

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 APPrO, BOMA, CME,

CCC, Energy Probe, ED, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OSEA, SEC and VECC 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:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$3,249.61
Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto	\$6,846.64
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$1,961.68
Consumers Council of Canada	\$3,729.00
Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$5,985.30
Environmental Defence	\$3,417.69
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$3,915.45
Industrial Gas Users Association	\$5,255.97
London Property Management Association	\$2,423.85
Ontario Sustainability Energy Association	\$656.53
School Energy Coalition	\$2,884.89
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,915.52
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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 August 28, 2019

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary