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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0003

Post-2020 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Framework

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

November 25, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The OEB initiated the post-2020 Demand Side Management (DSM) Framework policy consultation on May 21, 2019. The OEB indicated the consultation will be completed in stages. In Phase 1, the OEB sought input and comments from interested stakeholders on the underlying guiding principles, on the goals and objectives to be achieved, and on the scope of the review. Phase 1 included a half-day stakeholder meeting on June 13, 2019. Following the stakeholder meeting, all parties had the opportunity to provide written comments to the OEB by June 27, 2019.

In the May 21, 2019 letter the OEB communicated the maximum number of hours for activities eligible for cost awards. The OEB also indicated that cost awards would be recovered from all rate-regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective customer numbers.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the OEB's *Practice and Direction on Cost Awards*, the OEB determined that the following persons are eligible (the Eligible Participants) for an award of costs:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- Efficiency Canada (EC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence (ED)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Housing Services Corporation (HSC)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Low Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Pollution Probe (PP)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On October 9, 2019, the OEB issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the Notice). The OEB received cost claims from APPRO, BOMA, CME, CCC, EC, Energy Probe, ED, FRPO, GEC, IGUA, LPMA, LIEN, OGVG, OSEA, PP, SEC and VECC. HSC did not submit a cost claim. On October 31, 2019, Enbridge Gas Inc. filed a letter stating that it had no objections with the cost claims. No comments on cost claims were received by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed to ensure they were compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that the all claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the Eligible Participants as follows:

• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$1,805.16
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$3,378.67
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$3,356.10
• Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$1,756.02
• Efficiency Canada	\$1,728.90
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$3,163.05
• Environmental Defence	\$2,339.10
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$2,796.75
• Green Energy Coalition	\$2,481.11
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$3,405.56
• London Property Management Association	\$3,169.65
• Low Income Energy Network	\$3,015.25
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$2,949.30
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$2,722.68
• Pollution Probe	\$3,356.10
• School Energy Coalition	\$3,356.10
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,915.52

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The amount payable by each rate-regulated natural gas distributor in relation to costs awarded to each Eligible Participant is listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order. However, the amounts will not be paid directly by the distributor to the Eligible Participant.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of the *Practice Direction* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process. Invoices will be issued to distributors at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the OEB is to issue to each distributor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A in relation to the costs awarded to each Eligible Participant.
2. Each distributor listed in Schedule A to this Decision and Order shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
3. The payments referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made to the OEB in accordance with the invoice issued to each distributor, and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto November 25, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary

Schedule A

OEB's Decision and Order on Cost Awards

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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	Association of Power Producers of Ontario	Building Owners and Managers Association	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	Consumers Council of Canada	Efficiency Canada	Energy Probe Research Foundation	Environmental Defence	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	Green Energy Coalition	Industrial Gas Users Association	London Property Management Association	Low Income Energy Network	Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	Pollution Probe	School Energy Coalition	Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	Total
Enbridge Gas Inc.	1,800.81	3,370.52	1,751.79	3,348.01	1,724.73	3,155.42	2,333.46	2,790.01	2,475.13	3,397.35	3,162.01	3,007.98	2,942.19	2,716.12	3,348.01	3,348.01	2,908.49	\$47,580.04
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	4.35	8.15	4.23	8.09	4.17	7.63	5.64	6.74	5.98	8.21	7.64	7.27	7.11	6.56	8.09	8.09	7.03	\$ 114.98
Gas Distributor Total	\$ 1,805.16	\$ 3,378.67	\$ 1,756.02	\$3,356.10	\$1,728.90	\$3,163.05	\$ 2,339.10	\$ 2,796.75	\$2,481.11	\$3,405.56	\$ 3,169.65	\$ 3,015.25	\$ 2,949.30	\$ 2,722.68	\$ 3,356.10	\$ 3,356.10	\$2,915.52	\$47,695.02