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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2018-0336

**Application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership for
approval to change gas distribution rates and other charges
effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024**

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson
Presiding Member

Michael Janigan
Member

Emad Elsayed
Member

December 13, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) proceeding.

EPCOR Natural Gas filed an application with the OEB on February 1, 2019 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval to charge new rates for the sale and distribution of gas effective January 1, 2020 and approval of an incentive rate-setting plan for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

The OEB granted the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On October 24, 2019, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for EPCOR Natural Gas to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by EPCOR Natural Gas.

The OEB received a cost claim from VECC. No objection was received from EPCOR Natural Gas.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed VECC's claim filed to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that VECC is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that VECC's claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by EPCOR Natural Gas.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall immediately pay VECC \$20,665.87.

DATED at Toronto December 13, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary