

# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2019-0276**

## **EPCOR NATURAL GAS LP MOTION**

**Motion to Review and Vary the OEB Phase 2 Decision in  
EB-2018-0336**

**BEFORE: Emad Elsayed**  
Presiding Member

**Cathy Spoel**  
Member

**Susan Frank**  
Member

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**March 31, 2020**

## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to an EPCOR Natural Gas LP (EPCOR Natural Gas) Motion to Review and Vary the OEB's Phase 2 Decision and Order in EB-2018-0336, an application filed by EPCOR Natural Gas for approval to change gas distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024 (the Motion).

EPCOR Natural Gas filed the Motion on December 4, 2019. EPCOR Natural Gas brought forward the motion to repeal the OEB's decision<sup>1</sup> to disallow the cost of the Putnam to Culloden pipeline to its 2020 rate base.

The OEB deemed all parties that were granted intervenor status in the EB-2018-0336 proceeding as intervenors in this Motion. In addition, those parties that were granted cost eligibility status in the EB-2018-0336 case were also eligible for cost awards in this proceeding.

On March 5, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the Motion in which it granted the relief requested by EPCOR Natural Gas in the Motion and 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 the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (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 shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition \$4,630.53.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0336, Decision and Order – Phase 2, October 24, 2019.

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

**DATED** at Toronto March 31, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary