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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0156

**Motion by Industrial Gas Users Association to review and vary the
Ontario Energy Board's Decision in EB-2019-0194**

BEFORE: Michael Janigan
Presiding Commissioner

Emad Elsayed
Commissioner

Cathy Spoel
Commissioner

October 27, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

On May 14, 2020, the OEB issued a Decision and Order in respect of the application by Enbridge Gas for 2020 rates (EB- 2019-0194). On June 3, 2020, an intervenor in that proceeding, the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), filed a motion pursuant to Rule 40.01 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* requesting the OEB to review and vary that part of the Decision and Order which deferred the reallocation of Panhandle System costs until Enbridge Gas's next rebasing in 2024. IGUA requested a written hearing to address the motion.

In Procedural Order #1, the OEB stated that it would adopt as intervenors in this proceeding the intervenors from the EB-2019- 0194 proceeding.

On September 24, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision on Motion 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.

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on cost claims filed with respect to this motion.

Cost claims were filed on or before the due date from the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG), Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and the Building Owners and Managers Association, Toronto (BOMA) were late in filing their cost claims. The OEB accepts BOMA and CME's cost claim notwithstanding the late filing. On October 14, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from BOMA, CME, CCC, IGUA, OGVG, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC.

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 BOMA, CME, CCC, IGUA, OGVG, Pollution Probe, 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:

• Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	\$1,048.64
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$6,857.97
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$1,678.05
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$22,240.66
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$2,752.68
• Pollution Probe	\$1,211.93
• School Energy Coalition	\$5,494.06
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,829.77
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 October 27, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar