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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0066

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Program Application

BEFORE: Susan Frank
Presiding Commissioner

Lynne Anderson
Chief Commissioner

Emad Elsayed
Commissioner

October 29, 2020

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 filed an application with the OEB on March 5, 2020 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval to implement a Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Program (Voluntary RNG Program).

In this proceeding, the OEB granted the following parties intervenor status:

- Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Biogas Association (CBA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- GFL Environmental Inc.
- Kitchener Utilities
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Summitt Energy Management, Inc.
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Anwaatin, BOMA, CBA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC were also found by the OEB to be eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

On September 24, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the merits of Enbridge Gas's application. In doing so, the OEB set out the process for cost eligible 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 from Anwaatin, BOMA, CBA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. On

October 22, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no specific concerns with the cost claims submissions.

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 noticed that SEC had actively participated in the technical conference but had recorded this time under the heading of issues conference. While the cost claim from SEC was higher than others, they made significant contributions to the proceeding. 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 Anwaatin, BOMA, CBA, CCC, CME, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, 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:

• Anwaatin Inc.	\$11,598.32
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$10,743.97
• Canadian Biogas Association	\$15,106.97
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$16,780.50
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$6,608.24
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$11,778.90
• Environmental Defence	\$10,525.95
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$14,729.55
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$13,170.32
• London Property Management Association	\$9,769.98
• Pollution Probe	\$15,848.25
• School Energy Coalition	\$21,180.72
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$15,520.84

DATED at Toronto October 29, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar