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# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

### EB-2019-0294

## ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for leave to construct natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in the City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York

BEFORE: Susan Frank Presiding Commissioner

> Lynne Anderson Chief Commissioner

Emad Elsayed Commissioner

December 18, 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 updated application to the OEB on March 31, 2020 under section 90 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998* (OEB Act), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 755 metres of natural gas pipeline, three stations and two network disconnects in the City of Markham.

The OEB granted Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Environmental Defence, Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), H2GO Canada (H2GO), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 26, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order 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.

The OEB received cost claims from CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, H2GO, IGUA, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. On December 10, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, H2GO, IGUA, 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 and finds that the claims CCC, Environmental Defence, FRPO, H2GO, IGUA, 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:

•	Consumers Council of Canada	\$8,017.35
٠	Environmental Defence	\$11,330.51

<ul> <li>Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario</li> </ul>	\$9,881.85
H2GO Canada	\$9,203.85
<ul> <li>Industrial Gas Users Association</li> </ul>	\$4,915.50
Pollution Probe	\$10,907.33
School Energy Coalition	\$16,295.73
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$10,461.56

**DATED** at Toronto December 18, 2020

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar