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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0095

**Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for approval to charge gas distribution rates
and other charges effective January 1, 2021**

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

December 22, 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 incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on June 30, 2020, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its natural gas distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2021.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Pollution Probe
- Quinte Manufacturers Association (QMA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On November 6, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision on Settlement Proposal and Interim 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.

Cost claims were filed on or before the due date from APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, IGUA, LPMA, Pollution Probe, QMA, SEC and VECC. FRPO and OGVG were late in filing their cost claims. Environmental Defence and OAPPA did not file a cost claim. No objections were received from Enbridge Gas.

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 APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, Pollution Probe, QMA, SEC and VECC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge Gas. The OEB understands that certain parties filed their cost claims after the due date and accepts FRPO's and OGVG's cost claims notwithstanding the late filing. The OEB cautions parties to file their cost claims in time for future applications.

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:

• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$1,047.51
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$4,784.42
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$1,229.44
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$2,796.75
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$5,628.53
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$4,288.35
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$3,900.76
• London Property Management Association	\$2,311.98
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$2,392.21
• Pollution Probe	\$4,381.58
• Quinte Manufacturers Association	\$830.55
• School Energy Coalition	\$3,385.48
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$ 2,658.27

DATED at Toronto December 22, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar