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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2020-0094**

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Application for approval of a System Expansion Surcharge, a  
Temporary Connection Surcharge and an Hourly Allocation Factor**

**BEFORE: Susan Frank**  
Presiding Commissioner

**Robert Dodds**  
Commissioner

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**February 2, 2021**

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## 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 May 8, 2020 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, as amended (OEB Act) for approval of a harmonized System Expansion Surcharge (SES), a Temporary Connection Surcharge (TCS) and an Hourly Allocation Factor (HAF) for the former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited rate zones.

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

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

On January 7, 2021, the OEB issued its 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 CME, CPA, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. By e-mail, BOMA and QMA stated that they would not be filing a cost claim. On January 28, 2021, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims.

## 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 CME, CPA, CCC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, 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:

• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$4,053.31
• Canadian Propane Association	\$10,392.61
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$8,949.60
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$9,851.25
• Environmental Defence Canada Inc.	\$6,139.29
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$11,000.55
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$15,987.24
• London Property Management Association	\$7,980.06
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$7,012.78
• Pollution Probe	\$10,627.65
• School Energy Coalition	\$8,716.82
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$12,862.58

**DATED** at Toronto February 2, 2021

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar