

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2020-0136

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for leave to construct natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in the City of Toronto

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel

Presiding Commissioner

Robert Dodds Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana Commissioner

February 5, 2021

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 applied to the OEB on July 31, 2020 under sections 90 and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for an order granting leave to construct approximately 4.5 kilometres of natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in the City of Toronto. The proposed pipeline will replace approximately 4.3 kilometres of pipeline along Lake Shore Boulevard between Cherry Street to Bathurst Street and approximately 230 metres of pipeline on Parliament Street. Enbridge Gas also applied for approval of the form of land-use agreements it offers to landowners for the routing and construction of the project.

The OEB granted Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Environmental Defence (ED), Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) and Pollution Probe intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 17, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and 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 Energy Probe, ED, FRPO and Pollution Probe. On January 21, 2021, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims received from Energy Probe, ED, FRPO and Pollution Probe.

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 Energy Probe, ED, FRPO and Pollution Probe 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:

 Energy Probe Research Foundation 	\$8,088.68
Environmental Defence	\$5,651.13
 Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario 	\$6,712.20
 Pollution Probe 	\$10,534.43

DATED at Toronto February 5, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long Registrar