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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

**EB-2021-0153**

**ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.**

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing  
July 1, 2021**

**By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay**

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**August 11, 2021**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge Gas Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board dated June 11, 2021 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas effective July 1, 2021, in the Enbridge Gas Distribution (EGD), Union South, Union North East and Union North West rate zones (the Application)<sup>1</sup>.

The Decision and Rate Order was issued on June 24, 2021 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the OEB and Enbridge Gas no later than July 16, 2021. Enbridge Gas had until July 23, 2021 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Enbridge Gas' concerns were to be filed with the OEB and Enbridge Gas by July 30, 2021.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) and the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) filed cost claims with the OEB and copied Enbridge Gas.

On July 22, 2021, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims with the exception of CME. Enbridge Gas stated that CME claimed 4.1 hours of preparatory time for a Pre-Hearing Conference. Enbridge Gas stated that it was not aware of this QRAM proceeding having a pre-hearing conference and requested clarification from CME regarding classification of these hours.

CME stated that the 4.1 hours were entered in the incorrect column and were to be categorized as Argument Preparation. A revised cost claim was filed.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims filed and found them to be reasonable and find all parties to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) and Union Gas Limited (Union) amalgamated effective January 1, 2019 to become Enbridge Gas Inc. As of this application, Enbridge Gas Inc. has continued to maintain the existing rates zones of EGD and Union (i.e., EGD, Union North West, Union North East and Union South)

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay:

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| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters                | \$787.61   |
| • Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario | \$2,423.85 |
| • Industrial Gas Users Association                  | \$1,706.30 |

**DATED** at Toronto August 10, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar