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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2019-0247

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**2020 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application – Applicability
of Charges to Indigenous Customers**

BEFORE: **Lynne Anderson**
Presiding and Chief Commissioner

Susan Frank
Commissioner

Michael Janigan
Commissioner

October 29, 2021

OVERVIEW

This is a decision of the Ontario Energy Board on cost claims filed with respect to an Enbridge Gas Inc. proceeding.

Enbridge Gas applied to the OEB for approval to increase rates effective April 1, 2020 to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*. Enbridge Gas also applied to recover from customers the 2019 balances in the related deferral and variance accounts.

The OEB granted Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) and several other parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility. The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) were also granted intervenor status.

On September 21, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards for cost claims to that point in the proceeding.

Subsequently, a second stage of this proceeding addressed the applicability of Enbridge Gas' Federal Carbon Pricing Program charges to Indigenous customers. On September 23, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims for this stage, for Enbridge Gas to raise any objections to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge Gas. On September 27, 2021, the OEB confirmed that the COO were also eligible to file a cost award claim for consideration.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin and the COO. On October 19, 2021, Enbridge Gas stated 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 both parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of Anwaatin and the Chiefs of Ontario 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:

- Anwaatin Inc. \$ 18,755.74
- Chiefs of Ontario \$19,243.00

DATED at Toronto October 29, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar