

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0219

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing October 1, 2021

BEFORE: Allison Duff

Presiding Commissioner

Lynne AndersonChief Commissioner

November 4, 2021

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated September 10, 2021 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas effective October 1, 2021, in the Enbridge Gas Distribution, Union South, Union North East and Union North West rate zones¹.

The Decision and Rate Order was issued on September 23, 2021 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the OEB and Enbridge Gas no later than October 5, 2021. Enbridge Gas had until October 12, 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 October 19, 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 October 7, 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, FRPO and IGUA 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:

¹ Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (EGD) and Union Gas Limited (Union) amalgamated effective January 1, 2019 to become Enbridge Gas Inc. However, 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)

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•	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$ 672.35
•	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$1,491.60
•	Industrial Gas Users Association	\$2,578.66

DATED at Toronto November 4, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long Registrar