

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0281

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing January 1, 2022

BEFORE: Allison Duff Presiding Commissioner

> Lynne Anderson Chief Commissioner

January 21, 2022

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated December 8, 2021 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas effective January 1, 2022, in the Enbridge Gas Distribution (EGD), Union South, Union North East and Union North West rate zones (the Application).¹

The Decision and Rate Order was issued on December 16, 2021 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the OEB and Enbridge Gas no later than January 11, 2022. Enbridge Gas had until January 18, 2022 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 January 25, 2022.

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 January 13, 2022, 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).

•	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$441.83
•	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$2,237.40
٠	Industrial Gas Users Association	\$2,541.37

DATED at Toronto January 21, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Acting Registrar