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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0209

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

2022 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application

BEFORE: **Michael Janigan**
 Presiding Commissioner

David Sword
 Commissioner

March 16, 2022

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the OEB for approval to increase rates effective April 1, 2022 to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*. Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the 2020 balances in the related deferral and variance accounts and to make changes to those accounts to recognize the change from the federal Output-Based Pricing System to the provincial Emissions Performance Standards.

The OEB granted Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On February 10, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from Anwaatin, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. On March 2, 2022, Enbridge Gas stated that it has no objection to the cost claims with the exception of Energy Probe. Enbridge Gas noted that Energy Probe's cost claim was significantly higher than the cost claims submitted by other parties.

On March 9, 2022, Energy Probe stated that the application dealt with a large increase in carbon charges which are an area of particular concern to Energy Probe as explained in its Annual Information Submission filed on June 1, 2021. Energy Probe noted that of the six parties in the proceeding, four filed interrogatories and five filed final submissions. Energy Probe further noted that three of the submissions were one-page letters and that it believes that its costs should not be compared to those of parties that had less engagement in the case.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claims to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

While as Enbridge Gas has noted, Energy Probe's cost claim is greater than other participants, the OEB is satisfied that the amounts charged by the various parties are commensurate with their levels of research and contribution in this particular application. Accordingly, the OEB finds that the cost claims of Anwaatin, BOMA, CME, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are reasonable and 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.	\$5,659.04
• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$2,778.11
• Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$987.62
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$7,380.45
• School Energy Coalition	\$1,091.58
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$2,572.52

DATED at Toronto March 16, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar