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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0149

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for approval to dispose 2020 balances in certain deferral and variance accounts and to review amounts for earnings sharing

BEFORE: **Allison Duff**
Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic
Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

March 23, 2022

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 4, 2021, for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain 2020 deferral and variance accounts.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On January 27, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, SEC and VECC. Enbridge Gas did not object to the cost claims.

Findings

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

The OEB approves the cost claims of parties as filed, with the exception of BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe and SEC.

The OEB is reducing BOMA's claim by 4.0 hours, a reduction from 22.69 to 18.69 total hours. The OEB finds that BOMA claimed significantly more hours to prepare interrogatories compared to other intervenors, yet BOMA's interrogatories did little to assist the OEB.

The OEB is reducing the claims of CCC and Energy Probe by 2.0 hours each. CCC and Energy Probe spent more time than other intervenors to review the evidence and prepare interrogatories for what the OEB considers a standard annual application. As a result, the total approved hours for CCC has been reduced to 29.0, and Energy Probe's to 32.0.

The OEB is also reducing SEC's claim by 4.0 hours, from 34.3 to 30.3 hours. SEC claimed double the hours to prepare its submission compared to other intervenors, yet the value of SEC's submission to the OEB was not significantly higher.

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:

• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$6,215.11
• Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$5,353.94
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$10,814.10
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$11,203.50
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$9,881.85
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$6,496.37
• London Property Management Association	\$9,173.34
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$4,260.10
• School Energy Coalition	\$7,944.85
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$9,604.06

DATED at Toronto March 23, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar