

# DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2021-0205

# **ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

Application for Leave to Construct Natural Gas Pipeline and Associated Facilities in the Municipality of Greenstone

**BEFORE:** Robert Dodds

**Presiding Commissioner** 

**David Sword**Commissioner

**April 20, 2022** 

#### **OVERVIEW**

On September 10, 2021, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), for an order granting leave to construct a natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the Municipality of Greenstone (Project). The Project is needed to provide service to the Greenstone Gold Mine near the community of Geraldton, which is located within the Municipality of Greenstone, approximately 270 km northeast of Thunder Bay. The Greenstone Gold Mine is an open pit mine that will be owned and operated by Greenstone Gold Mine LP.

The OEB granted leave to construct the Project, subject to the Conditions of Approval, and approved the forms of landowner agreements related to the construction of the Project.

The OEB granted Environmental Defence Research Foundation (Environmental Defence), Minodahmun Development LP (Minodahmun) and Pollution Probe intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On March 17, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving the application and setting out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe. Minodahmun stated that they will not file a cost claim. On April 7, 2022, Enbridge Gas stated that they had no objections 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 finds that the cost claims of Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe 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:
  - Environmental Defence Research Foundation

\$5,177.66

Pollution Probe

\$7,551.24

**DATED** at Toronto April 20, 2022

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi Registrar