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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0150

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing
July 1, 2022

BEFORE: **Allison Duff**
Presiding Commissioner

Lynne Anderson
Commissioner

David Sword
Commissioner

August 12, 2022

OVERVIEW

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

On June 16, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) and the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA). On July 11, 2022, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating that it 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*. While the OEB found FRPO's questions and submission went beyond the scope of this proceeding, the OEB concludes that the total claim of 7.5 hours is reasonable. The proceeding involved the assessment of mitigation plans, and FRPO's claim was within the range of claims from other intervenors.

The OEB finds that the cost claims of CME, FRPO and IGUA 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:

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| • Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters | \$1,013.61 |
| • Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario | \$2,796.75 |
| • Industrial Gas Users Association | \$3,451.02 |

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).

DATED at Toronto August 12, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar