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# **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

## **EB-2022-0072**

### **ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Consultation to Review 2022 Annual Update to Natural Gas Supply  
Plan**

**BEFORE:**    **Theodore Antonopoulos**  
Vice President  
Applications Division

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**November 4, 2022**

## OVERVIEW

On March 11, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a consultation to review the annual update to the five-year natural gas supply plan of Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) in accordance with the gas supply plan assessment process established in the OEB's [Report of the Ontario Energy Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans](#) (Gas Supply Framework).<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with the Gas Supply Framework, Enbridge Gas filed its annual update to the five-year Gas Supply Plan (GSP) on March 1, 2022. In a letter dated March 11, 2022, the OEB established a process for filing interventions and identified the activities that would be cost-eligible. The cost-eligible activities and the maximum hours as outlined in Appendix A to the March 11, 2022 letter, are restated below:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT
Written questions	Up to a maximum of 10 hours
Preparation for the Stakeholder Conference	Up to a maximum of 2 hours
Attendance at Stakeholder Conference	Actual attendance time
Written comments on gas supply plan	Up to a maximum of 12 hours

On April 7, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision on Cost Award Eligibility granting cost eligibility to eleven parties.<sup>2</sup> In its Decision, the OEB noted that there were stakeholders with overlapping interests. The OEB indicated its expectation that stakeholders with similar viewpoints would coordinate their activities in order to increase efficiency and minimize costs.

On September 7, 2022, the OEB issued the *OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Review of 2022 Annual Update to Enbridge Gas Inc. Natural Gas Supply Plan*, which set out OEB staff's assessment of Enbridge Gas's annual update to the five-year GSP.

On September 26, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to activities for the consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2017-0129, October 25, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> In a separate letter dated April 20, 2022, the OEB approved the late intervention request and cost award eligibility of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA). In total, twelve parties were granted cost award eligibility.

The OEB received cost claims from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA); Energy Probe; Environmental Defence; Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO); Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA); London Property Management Association (LPMA); Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA); Pollution Probe; School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) did not file a cost claim. On October 11, 2022, Enbridge Gas stated 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*.

The OEB notes that Energy Probe claimed for two hours beyond the maximum established for preparation work associated with the stakeholder conference. Energy Probe did not provide an explanation for why the OEB should make an exception. The OEB finds no basis to make an exception and disallows an amount of \$660.00 plus HST. The OEB finds that the revised cost amount for Energy Probe and the cost claims of BOMA, Environmental Defence, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OSEA, Pollution 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 shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Building Owners and Managers Association	\$4,847.70
• Energy Probe	\$8,743.35
• Environmental Defence	\$4,904.20
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$12,678.60
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$4,773.12
• London Property Management Association	\$8,241.09
• Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	\$3,773.07
• Pollution Probe	\$9,602.18
• School Energy Coalition	\$7,338.22
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$8,832.30

**DATED** at Toronto November 4, 2022

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