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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0133

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for natural gas distribution rates and other charges
effective January 1, 2023**

BEFORE: **Anthony Zlahtic**
Presiding Commissioner

Patrick Moran
Commissioner

December 8, 2022

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 30, 2022, seeking approval for changes to its natural gas distribution rates, effective January 1, 2023.

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

- Canadian Manufacturers & 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)
- Pollution Probe
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On November 3, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision on Settlement Proposal and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, Pollution Probe, SEC and VECC. On November 15, 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*.

All cost claims are approved as submitted except for Energy Probe. The OEB is reducing Energy Probe's cost claim by two hours. The OEB notes that the Enbridge 2023 IRM was a fairly straightforward case that did not require two experienced consultants to the extent claimed for.

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:

• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$2,547.02
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$3,729.00
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$7,731.90
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$7,644.45
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$2,684.88
• London Property Management Association	\$3,915.45
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$3,654.42
• Pollution Probe	\$4,754.48
• School Energy Coalition	\$4,170.84
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$3,858.77

DATED at Toronto December 8, 2022

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