

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS EB-2022-0247

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the City of Toronto

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed

Presiding Commissioner

Fred Cass
Commissioner

June 1, 2023

OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 7, 2022, under section 90(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an order granting leave to construct approximately 831 metres of natural gas pipelines in the City of Toronto. Enbridge Gas also plans to relocate a district station and bollard protection system onto a permanent easement. This work is collectively referred to as the Project. As part of its application, Enbridge Gas requested OEB approval under section 97 of the OEB Act of the form of land-use agreements it has offered or will offer to landowners affected by the routing and construction of the Project. Enbridge Gas stated that the Project is needed to accommodate the construction of the Scarborough Subway Extension Transit Project, which is a collaboration between the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and Metrolinx.

The OEB granted Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On May 9, 2023, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from Environmental Defence and Pollution Probe. On May 19, 2023, Enbridge Gas stated that it had no objections to the cost claims.

Findings

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

The OEB finds that the cost claims 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

\$3,228.41

Pollution Probe

\$6,991.88

DATED at Toronto June 1, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar