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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2023-0326

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Hearing on the Ontario Energy Board's own Motion on
Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2021 Vector Contracting Decision**

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Emad Elsayed
Commissioner

Anthony Zlatic
Commissioner

April 30, 2024

OVERVIEW

On October 30, 2023, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a staff report¹ on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge Gas) 2023 Annual Update to its Gas Supply Plan. In the staff report, OEB staff recommended that a proceeding be initiated to allow for a panel of Commissioners to render a determination on Enbridge Gas's Vector contracting decision. OEB staff further recommended that the proceeding itself should only be limited to the prudence of the Vector contracting decision.

Following OEB staff's report, on November 15, 2023, the OEB on its own motion initiated a proceeding by way of a Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1. Parties that were eligible for costs in Enbridge Gas's 2023 Annual Update consultation² were deemed eligible for cost awards in the current proceeding.

On March 5, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order, which set out, among other matters, the cost awards process.

The OEB received cost claims from Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), and School Energy Coalition (SEC).

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition each noted that they did not intend to file a cost claim for this proceeding.

Enbridge Gas filed a letter dated March 26, 2024, stating they had no objections to the cost claims from Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA and SEC.

Findings

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

The OEB approves the cost claims submitted by Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA and SEC.

¹ OEB staff Report to the Ontario Energy Board – Review of 2023 Annual Update to Enbridge Gas Inc. Natural Gas Supply Plan EB-2023-0072

² EB-2023-0072

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge Gas shall promptly pay the participants the following amounts for their costs:

• Energy Probe	\$1,757.25
• FRPO	\$13,983.75
• IGUA	\$2,237.40
• SEC	\$1,474.65

DATED at Toronto April 30, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar