

### **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

# EB-2024-0093

## **ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing April 1, 2024

BY DELEGATION BEFORE:

**Theodore Antonopoulos** Vice President Major Applications

May 14, 2024

#### OVERVIEW

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed a quarterly rate adjustment mechanism (QRAM) application on March 8, 2024 for an order approving or fixing rates for the distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas within both the Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas legacy rate zones effective April 1, 2024<sup>1</sup>. The rates are set for Enbridge Gas to pass-through to customers, the market price of the natural gas commodity costs.

On March 21, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order in which it set out the process for cost claims.

The OEB received cost claims from Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), and the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO).

On April 9, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed a letter stating the company had no objections to cost claim submissions of CME and FRPO.

#### 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 finds that the cost claims of CME and FRPO are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Enbridge Gas.

The OEB notes that FRPO submitted questions to Enbridge Gas while logging fewer hours to review the application and evidence than CME claimed. That said, FRPO did not submit any final comments on the application whereas CME filed its position. FRPO claimed time to review the decision. The OEB appreciates the participation of both intervenors in assessing the application and requests that in future, if intervenors choose to participate in the QRAM review process that they be prepared to submit final comments on the application.

#### 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge Gas Distribution) and Union Gas Limited (Union Gas) amalgamated effective January 1, 2019 to become Enbridge Gas Inc. However, Enbridge Gas Inc. has continued to maintain the existing rates zones of Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas (i.e., Union North West, Union North East and Union South).

•	Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$1,065.59
•	Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$1,864.50

DATED at Toronto May 14, 2024

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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