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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2021-0246

Integrated Resource Planning Technical Working Group

By Delegation Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

March 19, 2026

OVERVIEW

This Decision and Order provides the OEB's determination on cost awards regarding the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Working Group activities from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The IRP Working Group, led by OEB staff, provides input on IRP issues that will be of value to both Enbridge Gas in implementing IRP, and to the OEB in its oversight of the IRP Framework.

On January 14, 2026, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (Notice). The Notice stated that cost awards would be available for eligible participants under Section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) and that costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

Cost-eligible participants were allowed to claim the activities up to the prescribed maximum hours listed in Appendix A of the Notice.

The OEB received cost claims from DNV Energy Insights USA, Inc. (DNV Energy), DR Quinn & Associates Ltd. (DR Quinn), Energy Futures Group, ICF Consulting Canada Inc. (ICF) and Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation (Shepherd Rubenstein). On February 18, 2026 Enbridge Gas filed a letter noting that the company had no objections to the cost claims filed.

Findings

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

For all participants that filed cost claims, the OEB has previously determined that these participants meet the criteria set out in the OEB's Practice Direction and are therefore eligible for cost awards (eligible participants). The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards. The OEB approves cost awards for the eligible participants as follows:

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| • DNV Energy | \$4,259.54 |
| • DR Quinn | \$6,287.90 |
| • Energy Futures Group | \$4,577.25 |
| • ICF | \$3,252.72 |
| • Shepherd Rubenstein | \$6,652.99 |

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The cost award amounts payable by rate-regulated natural gas distributors is set out in Schedule A to this Decision and Order.

The OEB collects and distributes payments for cost award consultations through its clearing-house process, where each rate-regulated natural gas distributor receives one combined invoice that may cover several proceedings, including this one. The invoice will be sent out at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act. Each eligible participant will receive payment once 80% of the costs have been recovered by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Each rate-regulated natural gas distributor shall pay the amounts set out in Schedule A under the column Total Cost Awards, upon receipt of an invoice from the OEB that includes those costs. The payment shall be due at the same time as all other cost assessments under section 26 of the OEB Act.

DATED at Toronto March 19, 2026

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Schedule A

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Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company	DNV Energy Insights USA Inc.	DR Quinn & Associates Ltd.	Energy Futures Group	ICF Consulting Canada Inc.	Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation	Total Cost Awards
Enbridge Gas Inc.	4,242.81	6,263.20	4,559.27	3,239.94	6,626.86	24,932.08
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	16.73	24.70	17.98	12.78	26.13	98.32
Gas Distributor, Transmitter, Storage Company Total	4,259.54	6,287.90	4,577.25	3,252.72	6,652.99	25,030.40
Grand Total	\$ 4,259.54	\$ 6,287.90	\$ 4,577.25	\$ 3,252.72	\$ 6,652.99	\$ 25,030.40