

**Ontario Energy
Board**

**Commission de l'énergie
de l'Ontario**



EB-2014-0271

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited, pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas as of January 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Ellen Fry
Member

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
February 12, 2015**

Background

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application on September 12, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order or orders approving rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2015.

On October 23, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO); Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA); Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME); Consumers Council of Canada (CCC); Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy

Probe); Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO); London Property Management Association (LPMA); Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA); Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG); School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 18, 2014, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Union to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Union.

The Board received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG and VECC. SEC was late in filing its cost claim. However, there was no objection from Union and the Board accepted the late filing. By letters dated January 22 and January 28, 2015, Union indicated that it had no objections to any of the cost claims.

Board Findings

The OEB has reviewed all the cost claims and finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The claim of APPrO requires a minor reduction to comply with the government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The OEB finds that the claims of BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of APPrO are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

• Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$10,883.79;
• Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto	\$11,946.35;
• Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$16,423.14;
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$3,915.45;
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$6,445.91;
• Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$3,915.45;

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- London Property Management Association \$5,270.82;
 - Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators \$2,185.00;
 - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$5,277.67;
 - School Energy Coalition \$3,803.58; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$3,172.77.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, February 12, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary