



# **Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

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

**EB-2015-0122**

### **ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.**

**Application for the disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral or variance accounts and to share earnings with ratepayers.**

**BEFORE: Emad Elsayed**  
Presiding Member

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**September 24, 2015**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (Enbridge) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 20, 2015 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B) for an order approving the disposition of balances in certain deferral or variance accounts.

The OEB granted the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO), Building Owners and Managers Association (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), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On August 20, 2015, the OEB issued its decision and order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Enbridge to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Enbridge.

The OEB received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, SEC and VECC. On September 4 and September 8, 2015, Enbridge filed letters indicating that it had no objections to the cost claims from APPrO, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, SEC, and VECC. Enbridge noted that BOMA's claim had repetitive courier charges that required clarification. BOMA filed an amended claim on September 8, 2015, showing reduced courier charges.

## OEB FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, SEC and VECC to ensure that they are compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction* on Cost Awards.

The OEB finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claims of APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO and VECC are reasonable, and that each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge. The OEB has reduced SEC's claim by \$111.87 to reflect the actual hours on its time docket.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

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

<b>Intervenor</b>	<b>Cost Award amount</b>
Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$2,036.09
Building Owners and Managers Association	\$8,824.46
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$15,035.50
Consumers Council of Canada	\$3,915.45
Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$4,394.19
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$7,867.06
School Energy Coalition	\$3,803.58
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$5,320.43

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, Enbridge shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto September 24, 2015

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary