



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0114

ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.

**Application for natural gas distribution, transmission and storage
rates commencing January 1, 2016**

BEFORE: Emad Elsayed
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member

Paul Pastirik
Member

February 5, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Enbridge filed an application on August 31, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving rates for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas, effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB granted the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPo), 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), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy consumers Coalition (VECC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On December 10, 2015, the OEB issued its Decision and Interim Rate 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 APPo, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, SEC and VECC. OAPPA did not file a cost claim.

Enbridge filed a response to the cost claims and stated that it has no objections to the cost claims. Enbridge noted that IGUA's cost claim had hours for preparation related to argument and believed that these hours were for the review of the Company's application and evidence as well as for the preparation and submission of IGUA's intervenor request to the OEB.

IGUA responded to Enbridge's letter indicating that the time was spent on overall preparation in the application. Accordingly, IGUA filed revised *Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed* forms with these hours being reallocated.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by APPo, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, 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 claim of FRPO requires a minor reduction due to double HST charged on mileage claim. The OEB finds that the claims of APPo,

BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, IGUA, SEC and VECC and the adjusted claim of FRPO are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY 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:

Association of Power Producers of Ontario	\$7,159.80
Building Owners and Managers Association	\$11,498.87
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters	\$9,264.87
Consumers Council of Canada	\$5,034.15
Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$8,378.89
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario	\$11,635.46
Industrial Gas Users Association	\$4,279.83
School Energy Coalition	\$8,166.51
Vulnerable Energy consumers Coalition	\$6,333.84

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 February 5, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary