



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2015-0116

UNION GAS LIMITED

**Application for Natural Gas Distribution, Transmission and Storage
Rates Effective January 1, 2016**

BEFORE: **Ellen Fry**
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member and Vice-Chair

Susan Frank
Member

February 11, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application on September 11, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (the 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 following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- 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)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On January 7, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Accounting 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 OEB received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, SEC and VECC. On February 4, 2016, Union filed its response indicating that it had no objections to the cost claims filed.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claims filed by APPrO, BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OAPPA, OGVG, 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 all claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 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 \$10,549.20
 - Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto \$10,081.85
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$12,928.61
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$5,593.50
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$10,793.78
 - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$8,262.22
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$5,416.15
 - London Property Management Association \$5,459.92
 - Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators \$1,794.00
 - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$6,750.62
 - School Energy Coalition \$8,464.83
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$5,975.67

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 xx, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary