



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST
AWARDS**

EB-2014-0053

EB-2014-0361

EB-2015-0044

NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LIMITED (NRG)

Combined Proceeding: (a) NRG's April 2014 Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism Application; (b) NRG's request for rate relief from the imposition of interest charges; and (c) OEB's own motion regarding the appropriate penalty charge applicable to NRG

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member and Vice-Chair

March 02, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Natural Resource Gas Limited (NRG) filed its April 2014 Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) application on March 11, 2014 pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act), for an order approving rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of natural gas commencing April 1, 2014. The proceeding was assigned OEB File No. EB-2014-0053.

The OEB issued a Decision and Interim Order on April 1, 2014, in which it announced a further review of certain issues that arose as part of NRG's April 2014 QRAM application.

NRG filed an application for interest rate relief on December 1, 2014. The proceeding was assigned OEB File No. EB-2014-0361. The OEB issued a Notice of Application and Interim Order on December 19, 2014.

NRG filed a Motion to Review the Decision and Order in Union Gas Limited's (Union) Penalty Reduction Proceeding (EB-2014-0154) on December 10, 2014. The OEB issued its Decision and Order on NRG's Motion on March 13, 2015.

On the basis of the OEB's findings in the NRG Motion proceeding, the OEB launched its own motion to review the Decision and Order in Union's Penalty Reduction Proceeding. The OEB's Motion proceeding was assigned OEB File No. EB-2015-0044.

In the Notice of Motion and Procedural Order No. 3, issued on March 13, 2015, the OEB determined that it would combine the OEB's Motion proceeding (EB-2015-0044) with NRG's interest rate relief proceeding (EB-2014-0361) and the Phase 2 review of NRG's ongoing QRAM proceeding (EB-2014-0053) (the combined proceeding).

In the Notice of Motion to Review and Procedural Order No. 3, the OEB also adopted Union and the intervenors in the EB-2014-0154 proceeding as intervenors in the combined proceeding. Intervenors that were eligible for costs in the EB-2014-0154 proceeding were deemed eligible for costs in the combined proceeding.

On January 14, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Order in the combined proceeding, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for NRG to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by NRG.

The OEB received a cost claim from CME. No objection was received from NRG.

OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed CME's cost claim and finds that CME is eligible for 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The OEB finds that the claim of CME is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by NRG.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NRG shall immediately pay the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$2,213.67.

DATED at Toronto March 02, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary