



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

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
EB-2015-0276**

UNION GAS LIMITED

Application for approval of final balances and for clearance of certain Demand Side Management deferral and variance accounts into rates

BEFORE: Christine Long
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Susan Frank
Member

August 19, 2016

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on December 9, 2015 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B), for an order or orders approving the balances and the clearance of certain 2014 Demand Side Management (DSM) deferral and variance accounts, within the next available Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism following the OEB's approval.

The OEB granted the following parties intervenor status and cost award eligibility:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPoO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
- Green Energy Coalition (GEC)
- Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)

On June 23, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and 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 objection raised by Union.

The OEB received cost claims from APPoO, BOMA, CME, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA and SEC. GEC did not file a cost claim. CME stated that their cost claim would be \$3,074.00 (excluding HST). Because CME was a member of the Evaluation and Audit Committee (EAC), CME stated that its participation in the proceeding was focused on ensuring that no issues were raised by the application or by other parties' interrogatories that would affect the conclusions made during the EAC process. Since no issues were raised CME stated that it did not make submissions and therefore voluntarily reduced the cost claim to \$1,574.00 (excluding HST).

On July 15, 2016, Union filed a letter stating that it had no objection to the cost claims.

OEB 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 OEB finds that the claims of APPrO, BOMA, CME, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, OSEA and SEC are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union. The OEB appreciates that CME voluntarily reduced their cost claim.

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 \$6,180.54
 - Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto \$1,615.48
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$1,785.68
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$14,251.06
 - London Property Management Association \$2,311.98
 - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$3,047.61
 - Ontario Sustainable Energy Association \$2,257.28
 - School Energy Coalition \$13,163.37
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 August 19, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary