



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

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**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST  
AWARDS**

**EB-2016-0118**

**UNION GAS LIMITED**

**Application for disposition and recovery of certain 2015 Deferral  
and Variance Account Balances and approval of the 2015 Earnings  
Sharing Amount**

**BEFORE: Allison Duff**  
Presiding Member

**Ellen Fry**  
Member

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**October 3, 2016**

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Union Gas Limited (Union) filed an application on April 19, 2016 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to recover certain 2015 deferral and variance account balances. The application also seeks approval of the 2015 earnings sharing amount.

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

- 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 Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On August 4, 2016, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate 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 BOMA, CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, SEC and VECC. On September 1, 2016, Union filed a letter stating that it had no objections to the cost claims.

## OEB Findings

The OEB has reviewed all cost claims 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 reduction of \$14.14 due to double HST charges on the mileage claim. The claim of BOMA requires a reduction of \$3.31 because the courier receipts did not match with the claim. The OEB finds that the claims of CME, CCC, Energy Probe, IGUA, LPMA, OGVG, SEC and VECC and the

adjusted claims of BOMA and FRPO 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:
  - Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto \$13,867.41
  - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters \$8,749.59
  - Consumers Council of Canada \$4,847.70
  - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$8,983.28
  - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$11,218.85
  - Industrial Gas Users Association \$7,756.87
  - London Property Management Association \$6,524.14
  - Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$4,686.11
  - School Energy Coalition \$4,149.36
  - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$6,840.55
  
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 October 3, 2016

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary