

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by *Union Gas Limited* for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas for periods commencing January 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the customer review process and other mechanisms approved by the Ontario Energy Board in its decision in RP-1999-0017.

**BEFORE:**

Malcolm Jackson  
Presiding Member

George Dominy  
Member

Paul Sommerville  
Member

**DECISION on COSTS**

November 26, 2002

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## 1 The Application and Proceeding

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application, dated July 30, 2001 pursuant to the customer review process accepted in the RP-1999-0017 Decision, for rates for the year 2001, effective January 1, 2001 and for rates for the year 2002, effective January 1, 2002. The Board has assigned Board File No. RP-2001-0029 to this application.

The Board issued its Decision with Reasons September 20, 2002 and stated that its decision on costs would follow.

## 2 Participants Claiming Costs

Below is a list of participants in RP-2001-0029 that claimed costs and filed appropriate submissions and supporting documentation

- Wholesale Gas Services Purchase Group (“WGSPG”) 17
- Pollution Probe 18
- London Property Management Association (“LPMA”) 19
- Coalition for Efficient Energy Distribution (“CEED”) 20
- Green Energy Coalition (“GEC”) 21
- Consumers Association of Canada (“CAC”) 22
- Ontario Association of School Business Officials (“OASBO”) 23
- Industrial Gas Users Association (“IGUA”) 24
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) 25
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Contractors Coalition (“HVAC”) 26
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) 27

### **3 Board Findings**

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The Board has reviewed the submissions for an award of costs, any submissions of Union concerning the cost claims, and any responses by the claimants to Union's submissions.

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In the Board's view, all intervenors that have claimed costs have conducted themselves responsibly and have assisted the Board in understanding both the application and aspects of the public interest which the Board has weighed in arriving its decision in respect of issues in this case. Therefore, the Board finds that each intervenor that has claimed costs should be awarded 100% of its reasonably incurred costs, as determined by the Board's Cost Assessment Officer.

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### **4 Cost Orders**

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Upon issuance of the Cost Orders, Union shall pay the costs awarded to each intervenor with due dispatch. Union shall also pay the Board's costs upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

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**DATED** at Toronto, November 26, 2002

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Malcolm Jackson  
Presiding Member on behalf of the Hearing Panel