

IN THE MATTER OF 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 in accordance with a performance based regulation plan;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a motion to vary, suspend or cancel certain portions of the decision of the Board as set out in its Decision with Reasons issued July 21, 2001; and for the establishment of a deferral account in which to record the effect of any such variance, suspension or cancellation.

BEFORE

George Dominy
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Malcolm Jackson
Member

Paul B. Sommerville
Member

SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION ON COST AWARDS

January 21, 2003



On March 15, 2002 the Board issued its Motion to Vary, Decision with Reasons in the matter of an application filed on September 17, 2001 by Union Gas Limited (“Union”) seeking an order varying, suspending or cancelling those portions of the Board’s Decision dealing with Union’s staff reduction costs of \$15.8 million and a reduction of Union’s meter reading costs of \$1.125 million and establishing a deferral account in which to record the effect of any such variance, suspension or cancellation.

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In the Decision with Reasons, the Board directed that parties to the Motion requesting costs should file cost claims with the Board Secretary within 21 days of the issuance of the Decision with Reasons.

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Cost submissions were received from the following intervenors:

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- 1 Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”)
- 2 Industrial Gas Users Association (“IGUA”)
- 3 Consumers Association of Canada (“CAC”)

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The Board awards VECC, IGUA and CAC 100% of their reasonably incurred costs in connection with their participation in the proceeding, subject to assessment by the Board’s Cost Assessment Officer.

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The Board directs the Cost Assessment Officer to review the costs claimed and make adjustments as necessary to ensure they are consistent with the Board’s Cost Assessment Guidelines.

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The Board orders that the eligible costs of the intervenors, as assessed by the Cost Assessment Officer, shall be paid by Union Gas Limited.

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Dated January 21, 2003

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George Dominy
Presiding Member, on behalf of the Panel

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