



EB-2013-0316

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, pursuant to section 36(1) of the Act for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas as of October 1, 2013; and

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") approved by the Ontario Energy Board in RP-2003-0063 and EB-2008-0106.

By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

**DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
October 21, 2013**

On September 6, 2013, Union Gas Limited ("Union") applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order effective October 1, 2013 to change its rates and other charges for the sale, distribution and storage of natural gas as set by the Board in EB-2011-0210 (Union's 2013 Cost of Service proceeding) and subsequently adjusted in EB-2013-0215 (Union's previous QRAM proceeding).

A Decision and Order was issued on September 19, 2013 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Union no later than September 26, 2013. Union had until October 6, 2013 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Union's concerns were to be filed with the Board and Union by October 13, 2013.

The Industrial Gas Users Association and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters each filed a cost claim with the Board (and copied Union), on September 24th and 26th, 2013, respectively.

On September 30, 2013, Union stated that it had no concerns with the cost claims filed by IGUA and CME.

I have reviewed the cost claims filed and found them to be reasonable and find both parties to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay:
 - the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters' cost claim total of \$886.49; and
 - the Industrial Gas Users Association's cost claim total of \$531.74.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

ISSUED at Toronto October 21, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Theodore Antonopoulos
Manager, Electricity Rates