E.B.O. 179-14/15 E.B.R.O. 497-01

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.13;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. for all necessary approvals of transactions related to the transfer of certain customer information systems to an affiliate;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. for all necessary approvals of transactions related to the transfer of certain businesses and activities to one or more affiliates;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. for approval of an incentive mechanism in relation to the Operation and Maintenance Expense component of its cost of service, effective during the 2000 through 2002 fiscal years, and an incentive mechanism in relation to Demand Side Management.

BEFORE: H.G. Morrison

Presiding Member

P. Vlahos Member

R.M.R. Higgin Member

SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION ON COSTS

April 26, 1999

1. <u>SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION ON COSTS</u>

1.1 THE PROCEEDINGS

1.1.1 The Board's Decision pertaining to matters under Board file number E.B.O. 179-14/15 was issued March 31, 1999. The Board's Decision pertaining to matters under Board file number E.B.R.O. 497-01 was issued April 22, 1999. In each Decision the Board stated that in order to expedite the issuance of the Decision, the Board would address cost claims in a supplementary decision. The Board is now issuing this Supplementary Decision for both E.B.O. 179-14/15 and E.B.R.O. 497-01.

1.2 COST AWARDS

- 1.2.1 The following parties applied for an award of costs: AMEC, CAC, CEED, GEC, Energy Probe, HVAC, IGUA, OAPPA, OCAP, Pollution Probe, and the Schools.
- 1.2.2 The Board notes that all of the parties seeking costs are eligible for cost awards under the Board's Cost Eligibility Guidelines.

- 1.2.3 The Board's findings below have considered all of the parties' submissions. The ultimate determination of cost awards will be the result of the Board's consideration of its Cost Assessment Officer's recommendations.
- 1.2.4 The Board awards AMEC, CAC, CEED, GEC, Energy Probe, HVAC, IGUA, OAPPA, OCAP, Pollution Probe, and the Schools 100% of their eligible costs subject to the comments that follow.
- 1.2.5 The Board expects the Cost Assessment Officer to:
 - adjust the claimed disbursements that may exceed the Board's guidelines;
 - accept this time the non-itemized disbursements claimed by CEED;
 - adjust the legal hourly fees claimed by IGUA and CEED that may exceed the Board's guidelines;
 - adjust the hourly fees for consultants claimed by OCAP and OAPPA that may exceed the Board's guidelines;
 - verify the correctness of Energy Probe's claimed attendance dates; and
 - verify the correctness of CAC's addition for total hours claimed.
- 1.2.6 To avoid any reconciliation problems that may have arisen or arise in apportioning the claimed costs to the two proceedings, the Cost Assessment Officer may wish to combine his cost award recommendations for both E.B.O. 179-14/15 and E.B.R.O. 497-01.
- 1.2.7 The Board directs Enbridge Consumers Gas to pay the amounts of the intervenor cost awards immediately upon receipt of the Board's Cost Orders.

1.2.8 The Board further directs Enbridge Consumers Gas to pay the Board's cost of, and incidental to, this proceeding, immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED AT Toronto April 26, 1999

H.G. Morrison Presiding Member

P. Vlahos Member

R.M.R. Higgin

Member