Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2008-0069

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, 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 July 1, 2008;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism approved by the Ontario Energy Board in RP-2000-0040, in RP-2002-0133 and in RP-2003-0203.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle

Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGDI" or the "Company") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated May 30, 2008 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas effective July 1, 2008 (the "Application"). EGDI indicated that the Application was prepared in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") approved by the Board. The Board has assigned file number EB-2008-0069 to the Application.

The Board issued its Decision on June 19, 2008, and directed parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Enbridge no later than July 4, 2008. If Enbridge had any comments concerning the claims, these concerns were to be forwarded to the Board and copied to all parties by July 18, 2008. Any responses to Enbridge's comments were to be filed with the Board and Enbridge by July 25, 2008.

The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") and the Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") filed cost claims with the Board and copied Enbridge. On September 5, 2008, CME submitted a revised cost claim indicating that they inadvertently failed to include GST of \$33.55 in the claim.

On July 18, 2008, Enbridge sent a response to the cost claims of CME and IGUA that it has no objection to the cost claims.

The Board has reviewed CME and IGUA's cost claims and finds both parties to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board also finds each party's cost claims to be reasonable and approves them.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay:
 - CME its costs equal to \$704.55; and
 - IGUA its costs equal to \$707.12.
- 2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 16, 2008 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

John Pickernell Assistant Board Secretary