Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2009-0018

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 April 1, 2009;

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. ("Enbridge") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated March 3, 2009 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas effective April 1, 2009. The Board has assigned file number EB-2009-0018 to the Application.

Enbridge indicated that the Application was prepared in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") approved by the Board in RP-2000-0040 and described in Issue 2.2 of the Settlement Proposal for RP-2000-0040. The mechanism

was subsequently modified and approved by the Board in RP-2002-0133 as described under Issue 4.2 of that Settlement Proposal and under issue 15.11 of the RP-2003-0203 Settlement Proposal.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on March 13, 2009, and directed parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Enbridge no later than April 6, 2009. If Enbridge had any comments concerning the claims, these concerns were to be forwarded to the Board and copied to all parties by April 16, 2009. Any responses to Enbridge's comments were to be filed with the Board and Enbridge by April 22, 2009.

The Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") filed cost claims with the Board and copied Enbridge.

No comments were received from Enbridge.

The Board has reviewed IGUA's and CME's cost claims and finds IGUA and CME to be entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board also finds the 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 :
 - IGUA its costs equal to \$644.95; and
 - CME its costs equal to \$662.03.
- 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, May 7, 2009
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary