



**EB-2008-0348**

**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 January 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 December 1, 2008 for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas effective January 1, 2009 (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 December 18, 2008, and directed parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Enbridge no later than January 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 January 16, 2009. Any responses to Enbridge's comments were to be filed with the Board and Enbridge by January 22, 2009.

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

Enbridge filed comments stating that it had no objection to CME's and IGUA's cost claims.

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 \$640.96; and
  - CME its costs equal to \$1,090.95.
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, March 18, 2009.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary