



**EB-2010-0018**

**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 Natural  
Resource Gas Limited for an Order or Orders approving or  
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the  
sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas  
commencing October 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle  
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

### **Background**

Natural Resource Gas Limited ("NRG"), filed an application dated February 10, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. c.15, for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas for the 2011 fiscal year, commencing October 1, 2010. The Board assigned the Application file number EB-2010-0018.

On April 1, 2010, the Board issued its Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") intervenor status and cost award eligibility and

intervention status to the Town of Aylmer, Union Gas Limited and Integrated Grain Processor Co-Operative Inc.

The parties agreed to settle some of the issues and filed a Settlement Agreement on August 18, 2010 which the Board accepted at the oral hearing. The Board issued a Decision on the unsettled issues on December 6, 2010 and directed VECC to file its cost claim within 40 days from the date of the Board's Decision.

The Board received two cost claims from VECC: one cost claim on January 13, 2011 and a Supplemental cost claim on February 8, 2011. No comments were received from NRG.

### **Board Findings**

The Board has reviewed the claims filed by VECC. The Board finds that VECC is eligible to recover 100% of its reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that VECC's claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by NRG.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NRG shall immediately pay the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$44,557.63.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, NRG shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 10, 2011.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary