



RP-2001-0029

COST AWARD

Recommendation of Assessment Officer

TO:

Malcolm Jackson	Presiding Member
George Dominy	Member
Paul Sommerville	Member

INTERVENOR:

Consumers Association of Canada ("CAC")

APPLICANTS:

Union Gas Limited ("Union")

CAC was awarded its costs by the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") pursuant to its Decision on Costs dated November 26, 2002. The Board awarded CAC 100% of its reasonably incurred costs, subject to the Board's assessment process and payable by Union.

CAC was represented in the hearing by Mr. Robert Warren of the law firm of Weir Foulds LLP.

In the course of making this Recommendation, the Assessment Officer has considered the following material:

- Affidavits dated May 31, 2002 from Mr. Warren to the Board, with attached statement of costs;
- The public record of the proceedings.

The Assessment Officer has assessed CAC's Cost Award based on the figures it provided on May 31, 2002.

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COSTS - Claimed

	Item	GST	
Legal Fees (Robert Warren)	\$22,029.00	\$771.02	
Consultant Fees (Julie Girvan)	\$29,250.00	\$1,023.75	
Consultant Fees (Mark Stauft)	\$2,310.00	\$80.85	
Disbursements	\$311.67	\$10.91	
Totals	\$53,900.67	\$1,886.53	\$55,787.20

Goods and Services Tax

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CAC is qualifying non profit for GST purposes, claiming GST at 3.5% and this Recommendation is made on that basis.

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Objections

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There were no objections filed by Union

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Assessment of Costs

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The Assessment Officer has reviewed the claim for costs and, according to the direction of the Board, has calculated all of CAC's reasonably incurred costs.

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Legal and Consulting Fees

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The Assessment Officer has assessed CAC's legal and consulting costs at 100 percent.

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Disbursements

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Disbursements have been calculated at 100 percent.

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The Cost Award is assessed as follows:

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COSTS - Recommendation

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Recommendation

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board issue an Order requiring Union to pay CAC the sum of **\$55,787.20.**

DATED at Toronto, November 28, 2002

 Paul B. Pudge
 Assessment Officer

IMPORTANT

TO: Consumers Association of Canada (“CAC”)

AND TO: Union Gas Limited (“Union”)

- 1 This Cost Award is being issued pursuant to Section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.
- 2 The Alliance’s statement of costs is first assessed by the Assessment Officer, who then makes a Recommendation.
- 3 An objection to this Recommendation must be filed with the Board within ten (10) working days of the date of the Recommendation.
- 4 The Board shall consider this Recommendation, and any objection, after the ten working days and may accept or not accept this Recommendation, with or without holding a hearing.
- 5 A Board Order will be issued fixing the amount to be paid by Union to CAC after the Board's consideration.