



EB-2010-0248

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards for interested parties in a consultation process regarding amendments to the Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities and the Natural Gas Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements: Rule for Gas Utilities.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Board Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

On July 29, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a Notice of Proposal to amend the Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities and the Natural Gas Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements: Rule for Gas Utilities (the "July Notice") to keep pace with the fact that the Province's largest natural gas utilities may now own and operate certain renewable and other generation facilities as well as energy storage facilities.

The July Notice also notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this consultation process, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from rate-regulated natural gas utilities based on their respective distribution revenues.

In accordance with the Board's September 10, 2010 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs in relation to this consultation: the Consumers Council of Canada; London Property Management Association; and the School Energy Coalition (collectively, the "eligible participants").

This consultation was completed with the issuance of a Notice of Amendments to the Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities on November 26, 2010, and a Notice of Amendments to the Natural Gas Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements: Rule for Gas Utilities on January 27, 2011.

On January 28, 2011, the Board issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the "Hearing Notice") in relation to this consultation process.

The London Property Management Association and the School Energy Coalition submitted cost claims by the February 11, 2011 deadline specified for that purpose in the Hearing Notice. No cost claim was received from the Consumers Council of Canada, which the Board notes was not an active participant in this consultation.

Rate-regulated natural gas utilities were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the cost claims filed. The Board received filings from two natural gas distributors, neither of which expressed objections to the cost claims filed.

Board Findings on the Cost Claims of the Eligible Participants

The Board has reviewed the cost claims filed by the London Property Management Association and the School Energy Coalition and finds that the cost claims are all within the approved overall limits set by the Board in relation to this consultation.

The Board finds that these two eligible participants are entitled to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this consultation process.

The amount payable by each rate-regulated natural gas utility in relation to costs awarded to each of these two eligible participants is listed in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Union Gas Limited and Natural Resource Gas Limited shall immediately pay the costs awarded to the London Property Management Association and the School Energy Coalition, as set out in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

ISSUED AT Toronto, March 29, 2011
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

**To the Board's Decision and Order on Cost Awards
Dated March 29, 2011
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**Amendments to the Natural Gas Affiliate Relationships Code for Gas Utilities and the Natural Gas Reporting &
Record Keeping Requirements: Rule for Gas Utilities**

Rate-Regulated Gas Distributor	London Property Management Association	School Energy Coalition	Total
ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.	1,150.97	2,161.11	3,312.08
UNION GAS LTD.	989.49	1,857.90	2,847.39
NATURAL RESOURCE GAS LTD.	3.72	6.99	10.72
TOTAL	2,144.18	4,026.00	6,170.18