



EB-2014-0154

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 Union Gas Limited for an order or orders approving a one-time exemption from Union Gas Limited's approved rate schedules to reduce certain penalty charges applied to direct purchase customers who did not meet their contractual obligations.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

November 28, 2014

Background

Union Gas Limited ("Union") filed an application dated April 3, 2014 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. c.15, Schedule B, for an order of the Board approving a one-time exemption from its approved rate schedules to reduce certain penalty charges applied to direct purchase customers who did not meet their contractual obligations during the months of February and March, 2014.

On May 27, 2014, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Association of Power Producers of Ontario ("APPPrO"), Building Owners and Managers Association

("BOMA"), Canadian Energy Strategies, City of Kitchener, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), Coco Group, E2 Energy, Energy Source Canada, Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA"), Just Energy, London Property Management Association ("LPMA"), Natural Resource Gas, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers ("OGVG"), TransAlta, and TransCanada Energy intervenor status. The Board also granted APPrO, BOMA, CME, IGUA, LPMA and OGVG cost award eligibility.

On October 9, 2014, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Union to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Union.

The Board received cost claims from APPrO, BOMA, CME, IGUA, LPMA and OGVG.

On October 29, 2014, Union filed its response to the cost claims and stated that it has no concerns with the cost claims filed.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed all the cost claims. The Board finds that all parties are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that the claims of APPrO, BOMA, CME, IGUA, LPMA and OGVG are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Union.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario \$7,102.05;
- Building Owners and Managers Association \$6,676.74;
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$6,764.18;
- Industrial Gas Users Association \$10,354.66;
- London Property Management Association \$2,088.24; and
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers \$8,203.80.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Union shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, November 28, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary