Commission de l'Énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2005-0001 EB-2005-0437

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. 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 January 1, 2006.

BEFORE: Pamela Nowina Vice Chair and Presiding Member

> Cynthia Chaplin Member

Paul Sommerville Member

ORDER

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGDI", or the "Applicant") filed an Application, dated March 18, 2005, with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B). The Board assigned file number EB-2005-0001 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application dated April 13, 2005.

On May 20, 2005 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 which determined the Issues List for the EB-2005-0001 Proceeding.

The Board heard and accepted the EB-2005-0001 Settlement Proposal (the "Settlement") on August 15, 2005.

The oral hearing was completed on October 27, 2005. EGDI Argument-in-Chief, Intervenor Argument and EGDI Reply Argument were filed with the Board on November 4, 2005, November 21, 2005, and December 5, 2005, respectively.

The Settlement indicated that Issue 16.1, regarding Amounts and Proposed Disposition of Balances in Historic Deferral and Variance Accounts, was completely settled subject to exceptions noted therein. The Settlement required that EGDI would clear the actual principal balances accumulated as at September 30, 2005 in certain listed accounts plus related interest commencing January 1, 2006.

On November 15, 2005, EGDI submitted a proposed process to be followed for the review and approval of the September 30, 2005 balances and a listing of the accounts and their balances to be cleared commencing January 1, 2006. The proposed process provided for intervenor comment by November 22, 2005 with the expectation that EGDI would file draft unit rates for clearing the deferral accounts by December 6, 2005.

On December 6, 2005, EDGI filed the unit rates for the accounts identified in its November 15, 2005 letter. The unit rates were derived based on 2005 Actual 12 month (October 2004 to September 2005) volumes. EGDI noted that no comments were received from intervenors and that, on this basis, is assuming that the account balances are final for the purposes of this clearing.

The Board accepts the unit rates as filed by EGDI. The Board understands that, according to the Settlement, amounts accumulated in the accounts in the months of October through December 2005 will be recorded along with appropriate interest and will be brought forward in a future proceeding for review and disposition by the Board.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. EGDI's 2005 deferral and variance account balances shall be cleared commencing with EGDI's January 2006 billing cycle using the unit rates included in Appendix "A" under column 1.

ISSUED at Toronto, December 21, 2005.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell Assistant Board Secretary

APPENDIX "A" TO

ORDER

BOARD FILE No. EB-2005-0001/EB-2005-0437

DATED DECEMBER 21, 2005

RATE AND TYPE OF SALE

COL. 9

COL. 8

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Note: (1) Unit Rates derived based on 2005 Actual 12 months volumes