



EB-2014-0289

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards in relation to a
consultation process to review North American and Ontario
natural gas markets and related issues.

BEFORE Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

June 18, 2015

Background

The Board initiated a consultation dealing with a [2014 Natural Gas Market Review](#) which included cost awards for eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for participation in certain activities.

Eligible Participants

In its [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) (corrected) dated November 28, 2014, the Board determined that the following participants were eligible to apply for an award of costs in this consultation process:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPRO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA)

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (EP)
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO)
- Industrial Gas User’s Association (IGUA)
- London Property Management Association (LPMA)
- Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

On April 23, 2015, the Board issued a [Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards](#) (the “Notice”). As detailed on Appendix A to the Notice, cost awards are available in relation to participation in the Stakeholder Conference; and in relation to the submission of written comments on the issues explored at the Stakeholder Conference. All participants as listed above submitted cost claims except LIEN.

Enbridge filed a [letter](#) commenting on various aspects of the cost claims of several participants. Some participants subsequently made additional filings clarifying their cost claim.

Board Findings

The Board finds that all participants are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participation as listed below. The cost award for Energy Probe reflects a \$2.60 reduction to correct for double counting HST on disbursements.

• Association of Power Producers in Ontario	\$12,679.39
• Building Owners and Managers Association – Greater Toronto	\$12,878.60
• Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters	\$26,549.09
• Consumers Council of Canada	\$11,187.00
• Energy Probe Research Foundation	\$12,010.60
• Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario	\$13,074.10
• Industrial Gas Users Association	\$12,331.37
• London Property Management Association	\$12,492.15
• Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers	\$8,226.40
• School Energy Coalition	\$5,368.63
• Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition	\$13,416.37

Process for Paying the Cost Awards

The Board's [cover letter](#) for this consultation stated that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate regulated natural gas distributors apportioned on a pro-rata basis relative to their contributions to the Board's annual cost assessment.

The Board will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards relating to this consultation process.

Invoices will be issued to payors at the same time as the invoices for cost assessments are made under section 26 of the Act. The practice of the Board is to issue to each payor one invoice that covers all cost awards payable by the distributor for the relevant period. As a result, the invoice may cover cost awards payable in relation to a number of consultations, including this one.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The amounts each rate regulated natural gas distributor shall pay are set out in **Appendix A** to this Decision and Order.
2. The rate regulated natural gas distributors shall pay the costs awarded to each of the Eligible Participants as set out in **Appendix A** to this Decision and Order.
3. The rate regulated natural gas distributors shall pay the OEB's costs of, and incidental to, this consultation.
4. Payment of cost awards and of the OEB's costs referred to in paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 shall be made to the Ontario Energy Board in accordance with the invoice issued to each rate regulated natural gas distributor and shall be due at the same time as cost assessments under section 26 of the Act are due.

DATED at Toronto, June 18, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

attach: Appendix A

Appendix A

Decision and Order on Cost Awards

2014 Natural Gas Market Review

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Eligible Participant	Enbridge Gas Distribution	Union Gas	Natural Resource Gas	Total
APPrO	\$6,659.01	\$5,986.27	\$34.11	\$12,679.39
BOMA	\$6,763.63	\$6,080.32	\$34.65	\$12,878.60
CME	\$13,943.16	\$12,534.51	\$71.42	\$26,549.09
CCC	\$5,875.23	\$5,281.67	\$30.09	\$11,187.00
EP	\$6,307.77	\$5,670.52	\$32.31	\$12,010.60
FRPO	\$6,866.31	\$6,172.62	\$35.17	\$13,074.10
IGUA	\$6,476.24	\$5,821.96	\$33.17	\$12,331.37
LPMA	\$6,560.68	\$5,897.87	\$33.60	\$12,492.15
OGVG	\$4,320.37	\$3,883.90	\$22.13	\$8,226.40
SEC	\$2,819.52	\$2,534.67	\$14.44	\$5,368.63
VECC	\$7,046.06	\$6,334.22	\$36.09	\$13,416.37
Total	\$73,637.98	\$66,198.53	\$377.19	\$140,213.70