



EB-2011-0052

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for
interested stakeholders in a consultative process for the
Preliminary Assessment of Incentive Regulation Plans of
the Natural Gas Utilities.

BEFORE: Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

Karen Taylor
Member

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

On April 8, 2011, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility (the “Decision”) in relation to the consultation process for the Preliminary Assessment of Incentive Regulation Plans of the Natural Gas Utilities. The Decision sets out the Board’s determination on the eligibility of participants for cost awards. The Decision also sets out that any costs awarded would be recovered from Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) and Union Gas Limited (“Union”) based on their respective distribution revenues.

In the Decision, the Board determined that the Association of Power Producers of Ontario, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Consumers Council of Canada, Energy Probe Research Foundation, Industrial Gas Users Association, London Property Management Association, Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators, School

Energy Coalition, and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition are eligible for an award of costs.

On April 11, 2011, the Board received a late request for cost eligibility from the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO"). Enbridge and Union were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility of FRPO for an award of costs. The natural gas utilities have not filed any objections.

The Board has considered this request and based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board has determined that FRPO is eligible for an award of costs.

The Board expects that eligible participants will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process to the extent that they represent the same interests or class of persons.

ISSUED at Toronto, April 15, 2011.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Paula Conboy
Presiding Member

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Karen Taylor
Member