

Demande de renseignements no 2 d'Option consommateurs à la Société en commandite Gaz Métro

Demande d'approbation du plan d'approvisionnement et de modification des Conditions de service et Tarif de Société en commandite Gaz Métro à compter du 1er octobre 2012 (Phase 2)

Dossier R-3809-2012 Phase 2

TAUX DE RENDEMENT

1. Reference: i) B-0157, GM-11, Doc. 14
- ii) B-0156, GM-11, Doc. 13

Preamble:

GM has filed evidence and expert testimony regarding its rate of return in every rate case since 2007 (R-3630-2007), with the exception of R-3720-2010. OC wants to evaluate the cost of dealing with the rate of return as a portion of the cost of the regulatory process, which is included in the cost of service and borne by the ratepayers.

Questions:

- 1.1. Starting with R-3630-2007, for each rate case up to and including R-3752-2011, please provide the total costs associated with the rate of return portion of the application. If an exact number is not available, please provide an estimate.
- 1.2. Starting with R-3630-2007, for each rate case up to and including R-3752-2011, please provide the total costs associated with the rate of return portion of the application as a percentage of the total costs associated with the entire application. If an exact number is not available, please provide an estimate.
- 1.3. In particular, for each rate case up to and including R-3752-2011, please provide a breakdown of the total costs listed in 1.1, which includes the following:

- a) cost of expert report and testimony on behalf of GM;
- b) cost of external lawyers on behalf of GM;
- c) GM personnel costs;
- d) cost of expert report and testimony on behalf of intervenors;
- e) cost of external lawyers on behalf of intervenors;
- f) any other costs.

If precise allocations of GM's personnel costs and intervenor costs are not available, please provide your best estimate.

1.4. Please answer Q 1.1 and 1.3 with respect to the costs incurred to date in the current filing (R-3809-2012 Phase 2).

1.5. In particular, please provide us with the cost of the James Coyne's expert testimony (B-0157) and other external expert and external lawyer fees incurred to date in this application.