



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

DECISION AND INTERIM RATE ORDER

EB-2019-0288

**EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP**

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing
January 1, 2020**

By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

December 23, 2019

INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) filed an application on December 11, 2019 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of natural gas commencing January 1, 2020 (the application).

The application was made pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) established by the OEB for dealing with changes in gas costs.¹

ENGLP provided written evidence in support of the proposed changes outlined in the application. ENGLP provided the application and pre-filed evidence to all parties of record in ENGLP's last rates proceeding (the Rate Proceeding).² No parties intervened.

OEB staff requested additional details regarding ENGLP's new natural gas supply contract with Lagasco Inc., a local producer.

The rates in the application also include the implementation of the 2020 distribution rates previously approved by the OEB on November 14, 2019.³

OEB FINDINGS

The QRAM is intended to strike a balance between ensuring that consumers are receiving appropriate price signals which reflect natural gas market prices, and protecting the interest of consumers that purchase their gas from the distributor by reducing, to some extent, the volatility in the price of natural gas. Natural gas commodity prices charged by ENGLP are based on:

- a market price forecast for the commodity over the next 12 months
- a true-up between actual and forecast commodity prices for prior periods as actual costs are passed on to customers without a mark-up. By design, the QRAM includes smoothing of price volatility by spreading this difference over a 12-month period.

¹ EB-2008-0106.

² EB-2018-0336.

³ ENGLP filed a motion to review which included a request to stay the Rate Order dated November 14, 2019 for its 2020-2024 distribution rates. In Procedural Order #1 issued on December 17, 2019, the OEB did not grant ENGLP the request.

The OEB approves the application on an interim basis for the following reasons.

In response to questions from OEB staff regarding the new natural gas supply contract with Lagasco Inc. (Local Production C or Lagasco contract), ENGLP stated that “it is not seeking approval of the costs consequences of the Lagasco contract effective January 1, 2020 as these costs have been approved in a previous proceeding (i.e. the Rate Proceeding)”.⁴ Based on a review of the evidence presented in the Rate Proceeding, the settlement proposal and the OEB’s decision on the settlement proposal, the OEB is not convinced that the cost consequences of the Lagasco contract were previously approved effective January 1, 2020. While the decision in the Rate Proceeding stated that the OEB approved the settlement proposal in its entirety and the resulting cost consequences of ENGLP’s gas supply plan, the settlement proposal refers to requiring locally-sourced natural gas and negotiating pricing (to take effect at the end of September 2020, upon expiry of an existing contract) based on a discount to the Enbridge commodity rate under the M9 Tariff.

In this case, the Lagasco contract is effective January 1, 2020 and is displacing about 30% of the volumes under the M9 contract with Enbridge. The evidence presented in the Rate Proceeding referenced neither the January 1, 2020 date nor the significant volumes involved.⁵ In addition, in the Rate Proceeding ENGLP indicated that “in determining the parameters for a long-term gas supply contract, ENGLP will undertake an assessment of the landed costs of the natural supply compared to possible alternatives. Furthermore, ENGLP will conduct a risk assessment including forecasting risk, operational risk; commercial and regulatory risk associated with any long-term supply arrangement and prepare to address these risks in order to minimize the impact to its ratepayers.”⁶ The OEB is unaware of the alternatives considered by ENGLP. While the pricing structure underpinning the Lagasco contract (at a five percent discount from Enbridge’s gas supply commodity charge under the M9 Tariff adjusted for heat content) appears to be consistent with the settlement proposal, the OEB notes that ENGLP is also proposing to pay the local producer a delivery charge and a demand charge for the delivery of gas into the distribution system up to 1,200 GJ/day based on Enbridge’s M9 Tariff. Since ENGLP is not proposing to renegotiate a lower contract demand with Enbridge before November 2020 in order to gain operational experience under the Lagasco contract, the resulting effect is that the demand charge is paid for volumes under both the Enbridge and the Lagasco contracts. This is however mitigated by the five percent discount over the M9 Tariff gas supply commodity charge.

⁴ EB-2018-0336.

⁵ EB-2018-0336, Exhibit 4, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 5, Table 4.1-8.

⁶ EB-2018-0336, Exhibit 4, Tab 4, Schedule 1, page 12, para. 4.3.1.

The OEB expects ENGLP to address these matters in the annual review of its gas supply plan which is scheduled to be filed May 1, 2020. In the meantime, ENGLP's rates will remain interim. Following the annual review of the gas supply plan, the OEB will determine the forum in which the status of the interim rates will be addressed. The OEB also expects ENGLP to correct the error (\$2,851.39) identified in response to OEB staff question #5b as part of its April 2020 QRAM application.

ENGLP's rates will be adjusted effective January 1, 2020 to reflect a decrease in forecast natural gas prices and prospective recovery of the projected twelve-month balances of the gas supply deferral accounts for the period ending December 2020. The reference price will also be adjusted to reflect the decrease in forecast natural gas prices.

The overall bill impact of this application for a typical system sales ENGLP residential customer⁷ is a decrease of approximately \$53 per year.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates approved for ENGLP as part of the decision and rate order in EB-2019-0212, dated September 19, 2019, shall be superseded by the rates as provided in Appendix "A" and attached to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
2. The rates shall be effective January 1, 2020 and shall be implemented in ENGLP's first billing cycle commencing in January 2020.
3. The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the Purchase Gas Commodity Variance Account (Account No.179-27) shall decrease by \$0.004647 per m³ from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.139836 per m³ to **\$0.135189** per m³ as shown in Schedule "A" of Appendix "A" attached to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
4. The balance in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account shall be prospectively cleared. The resulting gas supply charge will decrease from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.148989 per m³ to **\$0.142423** per m³ as noted in Schedule "A" of Appendix "A" attached to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.

⁷ Customers who uses 2,009 cubic meters per year.

5. The appropriate form of customer notice as set out in Appendix “C” shall accompany each customer’s first bill or invoice following the implementation of this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
6. ENGLP shall pay the OEB’s costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB’s invoice.

ISSUED at Toronto, December 23, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary

**APPENDIX "A" TO
DECISION AND INTERIM RATE ORDER
OEB FILE NO. EB-2019-0288
DATED: December 23, 2019**

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 1 - General Service Rate

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the Company.

Eligibility

A customer that requires delivery of natural gas to any residential building served through one meter and containing no more than three dwelling units.

Rate

a)	Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$17.50
	Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	\$0.59
b)	Delivery Charge	
	First 1,000 m ³ per month	13.3814 cents per m ³
	All over 1,000 m ³ per month	10.7275 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	0.1280 cents per m ³
c)	Carbon Charges	
	- Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	3.9100 cents per m ³
	- Facility Carbon Charge	0.0017 cents per m ³
d)	Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)	Schedule A

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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Implementation: All bills rendered on or after January 1, 2020

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 2 - Seasonal Service

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers.

Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 through October 31:	November 1 through March 31:
a) Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$21.00	\$21.00
Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	\$0.59	\$0.59
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	16.5854 cents per m ³	20.9056 cents per m ³
Next 24,000 m ³ per month	8.5818 cents per m ³	14.2049 cents per m ³
All over 25,000 m ³ per month	6.7868 cents per m ³	15.2899 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	0.1280 cents per m ³	0.1280 cents per m ³
c) Carbon Charges		
- Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	3.9100 cents per m ³	3.9100 cents per m ³
- Facility Carbon Charge	0.0017 cents per m ³	0.0017 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)		Schedule A

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a combined daily contracted demand for firm and interruptible service of at least 700 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 113,000 m³.

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

- a) A Monthly Customer Charge⁽¹⁾:

A Monthly Customer Charge of \$201.00 for firm or interruptible customers; or
A Monthly Customer Charge of \$223.00 for combined (firm and interruptible) customers.

Rate Rider for REDA Recovery \$0.59
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020

- b) A Monthly Demand Charge:

A Monthly Demand Charge of 29.0974 cents per m³ for each m³ of daily contracted firm demand.

- c) A Monthly Delivery Charge:

- (i) A Monthly Firm Delivery Charge for all firm volumes of 3.6011 cents per m³,
- (ii) A Monthly Interruptible Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 10.5118 cents per m³ and not to be less than 7.6156 per m³.

Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery 0.1280 cents per m³
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020

- d) Carbon Charges

- Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) 3.9100 cents per m³
- Facility Carbon Charge 0.0017 cents per m³

- e) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) Schedule A

- f) Overrun Gas Charges:

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then,

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized firm overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 3 Firm Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs. In addition, the Contract Demand level shall be adjusted to the actual maximum daily volume taken and the Demand Charges stated above shall apply for the whole contract year, including retroactively, if necessary, thereby requiring recomputation of bills rendered previously in the contract year.

Any unauthorized interruptible overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any Gas Supply Charge applicable.

For any unauthorized overrun gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify the company in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on the company by the company's suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c)(ii) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption, the pattern of annual use, and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions; and
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas as specified in the contract between the parties. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this minimum shall be 3.1530 cents per m³ for firm gas and 5.4412 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

4. The contract may provide that the Monthly Demand Charge specified in Rate Section 1 above shall not apply on all or part of the daily contracted firm demand used by the customer during the testing, commissioning, phasing in, decommissioning and phasing out of gas-using equipment for a period not to exceed one year (the transition period). In such event, the contract will provide for a Monthly Firm Delivery Commodity Charge to be applied on such volume during the transition of 5.7163 cents per m³ and a gas supply commodity charge as set out in Schedule A, if applicable. Gas purchased under this clause will not contribute to the minimum volume.

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

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Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Delayed Payment Penalty

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 4 - General Service Peaking

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers whose operations, in the judgment of EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, can readily accept interruption and restoration of gas service with 24 hours' notice.

Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 through December 31:	January 1 through March 31:
a) Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$21.00	\$21.00
Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	\$0.59	\$0.59
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	18.2634 cents per m ³	23.2990 cents per m ³
All over 1,000 m ³ per month	11.2057 cents per m ³	18.0040 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020	0.1280 cents per m ³	0.1280 cents per m ³
c) Carbon Charges		
- Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	3.9100 cents per m ³	3.9100 cents per m ³
- Facility Carbon Charge	0.0017 cents per m ³	0.0017 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)		Schedule A

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

Delayed Payment Penalty

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Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a daily contracted demand for interruptible service of at least 700 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 50,000 m³.

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

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|----|---|---------------------------------|
| a) | Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾ | \$191.00 |
| | Rate Rider for REDA Recovery
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020 | \$0.59 |
| b) | A Monthly Delivery Charge: | |
| | A Monthly Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 9.2650 cents per m ³ and not to be less than 5.9800 per m ³ . | |
| | Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020 | 0.1280 cents per m ³ |
| c) | Carbon Charges | |
| | - Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) | 3.9100 cents per m ³ |
| | - Facility Carbon Charge | 0.0017 cents per m ³ |
| d) | Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) | Schedule A |
| e) | Overrun Gas Charge: | |

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any applicable Gas Supply Charge.

For any unauthorized overrun gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify the company in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on the company by the company's suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption and the pattern of annual use and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions; and
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas of 50,000 m³. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this annual minimum shall be 8.1474 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

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Delayed Payment Penalty

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE 6 – Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility

Rate Availability

Rate 6 is available to the Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative, Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility only.

Eligibility

Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative's ("IGPC") ethanol production facility located in the Town of Aylmer

Rate

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

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|----|---|---------------------------------|
| a) | Fixed Monthly Charge ⁽¹⁾ of \$61,230.92 for firm services | |
| | Rate Rider for REDA Recovery
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020 | \$0.56 |
| | Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2020 | \$15,413.33 |
| b) | Carbon Charges
- Facility Carbon Charge | 0.0017 cents per m ³ |
| c) | Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) | Schedule A |

⁽¹⁾ Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Purchased Gas Transportation Charges

In addition to the Rates and Charges outlined above, IGPC is responsible for all costs, charges and fees incurred by EPCOR related to gas supplied by Enbridge Gas Inc. to EPCOR's system for IGPC. All actual charges billed to ENGLP by Enbridge Gas Inc. under former Union Gas contract ID SA008936 and SA008937, as amended or replaced from time to time, shall be billed to IGPC by EPCOR when and as billed to EPCOR by Enbridge Gas Inc.

Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery

Where IGPC elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, IGPC or its agent must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to IGPC if it elects said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, IGPC, when delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements, must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Delayed Payment Penalty

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE A – Gas Supply Charges

Rate Availability

Entire service area of the company.

Eligibility

All customers served under Rates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Rate

The Gas Supply Charge applicable to all sales customers shall be made up of the following charges:

PGCVA Reference Price	(EB-2019-0288)	13.5189 cents per m ³
GPRA Recovery Rate	(EB-2019-0288)	0.6799 cents per m ³
System Gas Fee	(EB-2018-0336)	<u>0.0435</u> cents per m ³
Total Gas Supply Charge		<u>14.2423</u> cents per m ³

Note:

PGCVA means Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account

GPRA means Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

RATE BT1 – Bundled Direct Purchase Contract Rate

Availability

Rate BT1 is available to all customers or their agent who enter into a Receipt Contract for delivery of gas to EPCOR. The availability of this option is subject to EPCOR obtaining a satisfactory agreement or arrangement with Enbridge Gas Inc. and EPCOR's gas supplier for direct purchase volume and DCQ offsets.

Eligibility

All customers electing to purchase gas directly from a supplier other than EPCOR must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR either directly or through their agent, for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a mutually acceptable delivery point.

Rate

For gas delivered to EPCOR at any point other than the Ontario Point of Delivery, EPCOR will charge a customer or their agent all approved tolls and charges incurred by EPCOR to transport the gas to the Ontario Point of Delivery.

Note:

Ontario Point of Delivery means Dawn or Parkway on the Enbridge Gas Inc. (Union South) System as agreed to by EPCOR and EPCOR's customer or their agent.

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Transmission Service

Availability

Transmission Service charges shall be applied to all natural gas producers that sell gas into Enbridge Gas' Union South system via ENGLP's distribution system.

Eligibility

All natural gas producers, transporting gas through ENGLP's system for sale into Enbridge Gas' Union South system shall be charged the Transmission Service Rate and associated Administrative Charge. Rates and Charges will be applied only in those months that a natural gas producer delivers gas to a delivery point on ENGLP's system for sale into Enbridge Gas' Union South system.

Rate

Administrative Charge	\$250/month
Transmission Service Rate	\$0.95/mcf

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**APPENDIX "B" TO
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OEB FILE NO. EB-2019-0288
DATED: December 23, 2019**

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Accounting Entries for the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account

Note: Account numbers are in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for Gas Utilities, Class A, prescribed under the Ontario Energy Board Act.

To record monthly as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-27 (PGCVA) the decrease (increase) to reflect the projected changes in gas costs and prospective recovery of the balances of the gas supply deferral accounts approved by the Board for rate making purposes.

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-27 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)

Credit/Debit Account No. 623 Cost of Gas

To record as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-28, interest on the balance in Deferral Account

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-28 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)

Credit/Debit Account No. 323 Other Interest Expense

Simple interest will be computed monthly on the opening balance in the said account in accordance with the methodology approved by the Board in EB-2006-0117.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAS BILL

Gas Delivery

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has approved changes to the delivery charges which EPCOR Natural Gas Limited (EPCOR) charges its customers commencing January 1, 2020.

On all bills rendered by EPCOR on or after January 1, 2020, there will be rate changes for the “Fixed Monthly Charge” and “Delivery To You Charges”. How will the price change impact you? That will depend on the amount of gas that you use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,009 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to decrease by approximately \$40 per year.

Several temporary rate riders expire on December 31, 2019. In addition, some temporary rate adjustments will be added to your bill for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to recover and/or refund specific amounts as approved by the OEB. The rate riders to be implemented include the clearing of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

Gas Commodity:

On all bills rendered by EPCOR on or after January 1, 2020, the price we charge for the gas commodity and transportation portion of your bill will be decreasing by \$0.006566 per cubic meter to \$0.142423 per cubic meter. The Ontario Energy Board has approved this change to reflect the prices that EPCOR expects that it will be paying to its gas suppliers through to the end of December, 2020. On your gas bill this cost is on the line entitled “Gas Commodity”.

As a regulated utility, EPCOR is permitted to recover what it pays for the purchase of gas plus any costs reasonably associated with this purchase but with no mark up or ‘profit’. The price the utility charges you is based on the forecasted gas and transportation costs to EPCOR, which are periodically reviewed by the OEB and reconciled with actual costs. The gas commodity portion gets adjusted regularly throughout the year as the price of the gas commodity changes.

How will the price change impact you? That will depend on the amount of gas that you use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,009 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to decrease by approximately \$13 per year. For customers who have arranged to have their gas supplied by a gas marketer/broker, the price may or may not change depending on the terms of the contract the customer has with the gas marketer/broker.

If you have any questions about the changes in rates or any other item that appears on your bill, please feel free to call our office at 519-773-5321.

We would like to thank you for choosing to make natural gas your energy of choice.