



EB-2018-0235

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

Application for approval to change rates for the sale, transmission and distribution of natural gas for the period October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019, establish a fixed monthly charge for Rate 6, change the start of the rate year from October 1 to January 1 and dispose balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
October 16, 2018**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 30, 2018 seeking approval to implement the following changes:

- Adjust rates for the period October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019 under the OEB's 4th Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism (IRM) approach
- Establish a fixed monthly charge for Rate 6 which includes a single large industrial customer
- Change the start of the rate year from October 1 to January 1 starting January 1, 2020
- Dispose the balances in the Purchased Gas Transportation Variance Account, the Regulatory Expense Deferral Account and the IFRS Conversion Cost Deferral Account as of September 30, 2017

A Notice of Hearing (the Notice) was issued on August 23, 2018 and was served and posted as per the direction of the OEB. The Notice was published in local newspapers and the last date to file for intervention status was September 10, 2018. IGPC Ethanol Inc. and Integrated Grain Processors Co-operative (collectively, IGPC), Union Gas Limited and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition applied for and were granted intervenor status. Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on September 19, 2018 that provided for filing of interrogatories, interrogatory responses and scheduled a settlement conference.

On October 11, 2018, EPCOR Natural Gas filed a letter informing the OEB that it would not be available on the scheduled dates to attend the settlement conference and

proposed alternate dates. The OEB grants EPCOR Natural Gas' request and has accordingly amended the procedural schedule. All other procedural dates not referred to in this procedural order shall remain as noted in Procedural Order No. 1.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **October 29, 2018**.
2. A Settlement Conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened at 9:30 a.m. on **November 5 and 6, 2018** at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.
3. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB no later than 4:45 p.m. on **November 21, 2018**. If the settlement proposal is a partial settlement, the outstanding or disputed issues shall be scoped and well-defined, with a recommendation for hearing the issues orally or by written submission.
4. If a settlement proposal is filed, OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **December 3, 2018**.
5. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, EPCOR Natural Gas shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 19, 2018**.
6. An oral hearing will be held on **December 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto for EPCOR Natural Gas to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0235 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are

required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Khalil Viraney at Khalil.Viraney@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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