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Dear Ms. Walli:

EB-2017-0108: Application for certificates of public convenience and necessity for Norfolk County, the County of Elgin, and the County of Middlesex

Re: Request for Extension by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

We write further to the October 11, 2018 decision and order of the Ontario Energy Board (the "**OEB**") and to the letter of Union Gas Limited ("**Union**") dated October 22, 2018.

The OEB, in its decision and order of October 2018, directed both Union and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) to file certain draft Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificates) along with certain additional information including customer density maps by November 1, 2018. Union, in its letter of October 22, 2018, requested an extension for the filing of this information to December 7, 2018, with corresponding extensions for subsequent filing deadlines.

EPCOR is supportive of Union's request and seeks a further indulgence to file the requested Certificates and related materials by <u>January 15, 2019</u>. EPCOR is beginning to transition its mapping and billing software, which will eventually allow it to generate documents such as customer density maps, but at present EPCOR is not able to quickly generate such maps. Instead, preparing these maps requires considerable time and effort on the part of EPCOR's Aylmer staff, who are entering their busiest time of year and are already involved in several ongoing OEB proceedings. As Union noted, the Certificates and maps will have to be generated and verified by field staff. The above requested deadline is likely the earliest that EPCOR can provide the Certificates and related materials to the OEB.

This extension request will also require an extension for the submission of comments on the draft orders and for reply submissions. EPCOR will also need additional time to review and verify Union's draft orders, therefore EPCOR suggests a new deadline of <u>February 15, 2019</u> for submissions on draft orders and a new deadline of <u>March 1, 2019</u> for reply submissions.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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