

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B), as amended (the “**Act**”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership pursuant to section 36 of the Act for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of gas to be effective January 1, 2020.

APPLICATION

1. The Applicant is EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (“**ENGLP**”), an Ontario limited partnership with its head office in the Town of Aylmer. It carries on the business of selling and distributing natural gas within the province of Ontario.
2. This Application seeks approval of rates through a five-year incentive rate-setting plan, covering the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.
3. ENGLP hereby applies to the Board for an order or orders made pursuant to section 36 of the Act approving:
 - (a) ENGLP’s forecasted Test Year (2020) revenue requirement of \$6,665,600;
 - (b) ENGLP’s proposed test year distribution rates, to recover a \$352,267 revenue delivery related revenue sufficiency; and
 - (c) ENGLP’s proposed five-year incentive rate setting plan covering the period through December 31, 2024.
4. ENGLP further applies to the Board for approval of:
 - (a) the continuation of certain deferral and variance accounts as set out in the Application and Evidence;
 - (b) the disposition of certain deferral and variance account balances as set out in the Application and Evidence;
 - (c) the discontinuance and closure of certain deferral and variance accounts as set out in the Application and Evidence;
 - (d) the establishment of certain deferral and variance accounts as set out in the Application and Evidence;
 - (e) new fixed monthly charges as set out in the Application and Evidence;

- (f) a new Schedule of Service Charges;
 - (g) a change to ENGLP's depreciation rates as set out in the Application and Evidence;
and
 - (h) such further and other relief requested by ENGLP, including such modifications to the relief requested herein, as may be brought forward by ENGLP and deemed appropriate by the Board.
5. ENGLP further applies to the Board, pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, for such final and interim Orders, accounting orders and deferral and variance accounts as may be necessary in relation to the approving or fixing of just and reasonable rates for the sale and distribution of gas effective January 1, 2020.
 6. The persons affected by this application are the customers resident or located in the municipalities served by ENGLP. It is impractical to set out in this application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.
 7. This Application is supported by written Evidence, which may be amended from time to time, as circumstances require.
 8. ENGLP requests that this Application be conducted by way of a written hearing, in English.
 9. ENGLP requests that copies of all documents filed with the Board in connection with this proceeding be served on it and on its counsel, as follows:

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DATED at Edmonton, Alberta this 31 day of January, 2019.

**EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED
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