

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

**Application for gas distribution rates and other charges
for the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31,
2028**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
May 21, 2019**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) filed a custom incentive rate making application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 11, 2019 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for rates that EPCOR Natural Gas charges for gas distribution, to be effective January 1, 2019 and for each following year through to December 31, 2028.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on April 18, 2019. The intervention period closed on May 13, 2019. Each of Enbridge Gas Inc. (EGI), Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA), School Energy Coalition (SEC), Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) and the Municipality of Kincardine, the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and the Township of Huron-Kinloss (South Bruce Municipalities) applied for intervenor status. IGUA, SEC, VECC and Anwaatin also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from EPCOR Natural Gas.

EGI, IGUA, SEC, VECC, Anwaatin and South Bruce Municipalities are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. IGUA, SEC, VECC and Anwaatin are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Issues List

It is the OEB's expectation that parties will be best positioned to identify issues relevant to EPCOR Natural Gas' application after the applicant has responded to interrogatories. EPCOR Natural Gas, OEB staff and the intervenors shall develop and OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. The OEB will approve an issues list prior to the settlement conference.

Presentation Day

Following the settlement conference, provision will be made for the presentation of any settlement proposal filed by EPCOR Natural Gas, whether full or partial, and for the presentation of any unsettled issues to be adjudicated by the OEB. EPCOR Natural Gas' presentation is intended to summarize and provide any salient information for the OEB's consideration in reviewing the settlement proposal. With respect to any unsettled issues, the presentation should focus on scoping of the issues and a recommendation on how to address the issues in the proceeding.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from EPCOR Natural Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **June 10, 2019**.
2. EPCOR Natural Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **July 5, 2019**.
3. 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 **July 12, 2019**.
4. Unless otherwise ordered by the OEB, a settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **July 15, 2019** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on **July 16, 2019**.

5. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before August 6, 2019. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues and a recommendation on whether to proceed by way of oral or written hearing.
6. 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 August 13, 2019.
7. 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 **August 6, 2019**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **August 12, 2019** any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
8. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **August 26, 2019** for EPCOR Natural Gas to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. The hearing will start at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, Ontario.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0264, be made in searchable/unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. 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 <https://www.oeb.ca/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 USB memory stick 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 Registrar 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, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **May 21, 2019**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPLICANT AND INTERVENORS

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

EB-2018-0264

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**EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc.
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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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