

August 2, 2019

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
Norfolk County, the County of Elgin and the County of Middlesex
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2017-0108**

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 11 issued on July 23, 2019, these are the comments of Enbridge Gas on the submissions of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership ("EPCOR") to provide service to 4130 Dorchester Road in the Municipality of Thames Centre.

Before the OEB makes any determination regarding which utility will be best suited to provide gas service to the requested service location, Enbridge Gas believes that it would be beneficial to get an opinion from the homeowner regarding the selection criteria they find most important to them. The OEB should also consider the ramifications on emergency responders of allowing more than one utility to serve on the same side of a municipal road. Confusion on which utility to contact will cause delays in properly addressing emergency situations.

EPCOR indicates that it will need 2 months from the date of the OEB's decision to complete a service connection while Enbridge Gas can complete the connection within 3 weeks. As was noted in our previous submission, the owners of the property at 4130 Dorchester Road have requested gas service in September 2019 in order to have it in place for the next heating season. Any delay beyond the end of September places unnecessary burden on the customer. It would benefit the customer if a determination regarding which utility will provide service was made by the end of August 2019.

EPCOR indicates that the total cost for them to provide service to this location is \$3,649.75 (plus HST, it is assumed). There is no indication of the cost of a meter or of the need for any customer contribution.

With respect to the annual bill for this customer using 2,200 m³, there is a 22% benefit to the customer to pay rates charged by Enbridge Gas. A side-by-side comparison (including temporary rate riders and the Federal Carbon Charges) is as follows:

| | <u>Enbridge Gas</u> | <u>EPCOR</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Customer Charge | \$264.00 | \$ 239.39 (including fixed rate riders) |
| Delivery Commodity Charge | \$108.60 (including rate rider) | \$ 317.98 (including rate rider credits/debits) |
| Storage Services | \$ 16.12 | |
| Gas Supply Charges | \$358.50 | \$ 371.54 |
| Federal Carbon Charges | <u>\$ 86.21</u> | <u>\$ 86.02</u> |
| | \$833.43 | \$1,014.93 |
| HST | <u>\$108.35</u> | <u>\$ 131.94</u> |
| Total | \$941.78 | \$1,146.87 |

Annual Difference: \$205.09

Should you have any questions on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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