

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. 4
September 10, 2019**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Southern Bruce) 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 Southern Bruce charges for gas distribution, to be effective January 1, 2019 and for each following year through to December 31, 2028. EPCOR Southern Bruce has proposed to provide first-time natural gas service within certain communities in South Bruce.

A settlement conference was held between the intervenors and the applicant on August 21 and 22, 2019 to reach a settlement on the issues in the proceeding. Procedural Order No. 3, issued on July 16, 2019, required EPCOR Southern Bruce to file any settlement proposal by September 6, 2019. By letter dated September 6, 2019, EPCOR Southern Bruce requested an extension until September 13, 2019 to file a settlement proposal.

The OEB grants the extension. Accordingly, some dates provided in Procedural Order No. 3 have been amended below.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **September 13, 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.

2. 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 **September 19, 2019**.
3. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **September 24, 2019** for EPCOR Southern Bruce 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, **September 10, 2019**

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