



**EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership- Southern
Bruce**

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism
commencing October 1, 2020**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
October 22, 2020**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) filed an application on September 10, 2020 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of natural gas commencing October 1, 2020 for its Southern Bruce operations (the Application).

The Application was made pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) established by the OEB for dealing with changes in gas costs.¹

On September 24, 2020, the OEB issued a Decision and Interim Rate Order approving ENGLP Southern Bruce's application to change its rates as of October 1, 2020 on an interim basis (Decision).

It subsequently came to light that ENGLP had not served the Application to intervenors of record in proceeding EB-2018-0264. On September 28, 2020, the OEB issued a letter requiring ENGLP to serve the Application to the intervenors of record in that proceeding, along with a copy of the letter from the OEB. The OEB allowed five calendar days for intervenors to file comments on the Application. ENGLP served the application to intervenors on September 29, 2020.

The OEB received comments on the application on October 7, 2020 from the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA). IGUA submitted that there are no concerns in respect to ENGLP's QRAM application. IGUA requested ENGLP confirm that Rate 16 customers

¹ EB-2008-0106

are not impacted by this QRAM. ENGLP responded confirming that the QRAM application for rates effective October 1, 2020 does not impact Rate 16 customers.

IGUA applied for recovery of their costs with respect to their examination of the application.

No further comments or concerns were filed by intervenors. Therefore, the Decision issued on September 24, 2020 approving interim rates will remain in effect.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervenors shall file with the OEB and forward to ENGLP their respective cost claims by October 29, 2020. Cost claims must be prepared in accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. ENGLP will have until November 5, 2020 to object to any aspect of the cost claims. A copy of the objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be served on the party against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. Any party whose cost claim was objected to will have until November 12, 2020 to make a reply submission as to why the cost claim should be allowed. One copy of the submission must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be served on ENGLP.
4. ENGLP shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0206**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at www.oeb.ca/industry. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet [set up an account](#), may email their documents to registrar@oeb.ca.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 22, 2020**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

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Christine E. Long
Registrar