



EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

**2020 and 2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program
Applications**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
November 27, 2020**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval under section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to increase rates and to recover costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA).

The GGPPA established a Federal Carbon Pricing Program (FCPP) under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as ENGLP, is required to pay a carbon charge to the Government of Canada for emissions from the natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and also for its facility-related emissions. The carbon charge under the GGPPA came into effect on April 1, 2019, increased on April 1, 2020, and will increase again on April 1, 2021.

ENGLP's 2020 FCPP application (EB-2020-0076) requests final approval to increase its rates, effective April 1, 2020, and to dispose of 2019 balances in ENGLP's FCPP-related deferral and variance accounts. The 2020 FCPP rates (but not the disposition of 2019 deferral and variance account balances) have been previously approved by the OEB on an interim basis, as part of this proceeding. ENGLP's 2021 FCPP application (EB-2020-0231), requests approval to further increase its rates, effective April 1, 2021.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on October 30, 2020. In its Notice of Hearing, the OEB indicated that it will hear the 2020 Federal Carbon Pricing Program application and the 2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program application jointly. No parties applied for intervenor status.

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 shall request any relevant information and documentation from ENGLP that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on ENGLP, by **December 11, 2020**.
2. ENGLP shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **January 8, 2021**.
3. Any written submission by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on ENGLP by **January 22, 2021**.
4. Any reply submission by ENGLP shall be filed with the OEB by **February 5, 2021**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, do not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0076/EB-2020-0231**, 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 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, Michael Parkes at michael.parkes@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 27, 2020**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

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Christine E. Long
Registrar