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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP)  
Application to amend the certificate of public convenience and necessity  
for the Township of South-West Oxford  
OEB Staff Interrogatories  
OEB File Number: EB-2020-0232**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached OEB staff's interrogatories to ENGLP for the above proceeding. This document has been sent to ENGLP and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

ENGLP is reminded that its responses to the interrogatories are due by December 22, 2020.

Yours truly,

Catherine Nguyen  
Analyst, Natural Gas

Encl.



## **OEB Staff Interrogatories**

**Application to amend the  
certificate of public convenience and necessity for  
the Township of South-West Oxford**

**EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

**EB-2020-0232**

**December 9, 2020**

**OEB Staff-1**

**Ref: Application, pp. 7, 8, 9 and 12; EB-2019-0232 Interrogatory Response to OEB Staff-2(b)**

**Preamble:**

ENGLP states that it is applying for an order to cancel and supersede its existing certificate of public convenience and necessity for certain areas of the Township of South-West Oxford with a new certificate that also covers Mount Elgin Road and McBeth Road (Mount Elgin-McBeth Areas). ENGLP states that this would enable it to serve the Salford Group, Burgessville Grain & Feed Inc. (Burgessville), and additional residential customers.

ENGLP states that a new 4" diameter polyethylene pipe, totaling 4,150 metres, along the north side of Mount Elgin Road starting at Culloden Line will be required to connect Burgessville. It is stated that a volumetric throughput of approximately 13,200 m<sup>3</sup> per year will enter this portion of the expanded system.

Similarly, ENGLP states that a new 2" diameter polyethylene pipe, totaling 1,400 metres, along the south side of McBeth Road starting at Dereham Line will be required to connect the Salford Group. It is stated that a volumetric throughput of approximately 56,100 m<sup>3</sup> per year will enter this portion of the expanded system.

In ENGLP's application to amend its certificate for South-West Oxford to include the Village of Salford, ENGLP stated that it would obtain written commitments from prospective customers.

**Question:**

a) Please confirm if the capacity of the proposed pipeline on Mount Elgin Road and McBeth Road is sufficient to serve other connections along the route in addition to the Salford Group and Burgessville.

b) Please explain how ENGLP determined that farms and residential customers would be interested in connecting to the proposed pipe, if no formal connection requests have been received. Has ENGLP obtained written commitments from or signed contracts with these prospective customers?

## **OEB Staff-2**

**Ref: Application, p. 12**

### **Preamble:**

ENGLP states that capital contributions, if any, would be limited to portions of service pipeline exceeding 20 metres in length from the planned distribution mains depicted in Appendix "E".

ENGLP also states that a financial contribution of \$227,688 and \$30,664 have been calculated as a contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) for Burgessville and the Salford Group respectively. ENGLP further states that these costs may be reduced based on the number of other connection requests received on each route. However, there have not been any formal connections requests received yet.

### **Question:**

a) Will any of the farms or residential customers to be attached be charged a CIAC? Please provide if known, or otherwise estimate, the number of customers who would require a service main in excess of 20 metres (i.e. who would then be required to provide a capital contribution). Please provide if known, or otherwise estimate, the average amount that these customers would be required to pay as a capital contribution.

b) Please explain how the CIAC for each of Burgessville and the Salford Group were calculated, and if part of the CIACs are due to service mains in excess of 20 metres. Please explain how Burgessville's and the Salford Group's contributions will be reduced in the event that other customers are connected along the same pipeline:

- i. at the same time as Burgessville and the Salford Group
- ii. the year after Burgessville and the Salford Group are attached
- iii. six years after Burgessville and the Salford Group are attached

c) Please confirm if Burgessville and the Salford Group will still take service if their CIACs are not reduced (i.e. in the event that additional customers are not attached and therefore do not contribute to a reduction in Burgessville's and the Salford Group's CIACs).

### **OEB Staff-3**

**Ref: Appendix E; Appendix F; Appendix G**

#### **Preamble:**

ENGLP included a draft certificate in Appendix F outlining the lots and concessions sought to be served in South-West Oxford being requested which includes:

- Concession 1- All of Lots 15 to 23 (Inclusive), those portions of Lot 24 lying south of Highway 401, the southwest quarter of Lot 13, and the south half of Lot 14
- Concession 2: The south half of Lots 11-12, all of Lots 13 to 28 (Inclusive).

ENGLP has also included maps of potential customers and proposed pipeline infrastructure in Appendix E and a certificate map in Appendix G illustrating the areas being requested in the draft certificate.

#### **Question:**

a) Please explain what the yellow-green lines in the maps of the proposed pipeline infrastructure in Appendix E represent.

b) ENGLP's certificate map in Appendix G does not include the northeast quarter of Concession 2, Lot 13 within the area being requested. OEB Staff notes that this area was granted in EB-2019-0232. Please provide a certificate map that includes this area within ENGLP's certificate.

c) ENGLP's map of potential customers for the McBeth Road expansion in Appendix E shows the Salford Group to be in the southeast corner of McBeth Road and Plank Line. Please confirm that the Salford Group is located in the north half of Lot 12, Concession 3. Please explain why ENGLP is requesting to add the south half of Lot 11, Concession 2 and the north half of Lot 11, Concession 3 to its certificate area.

d) Please explain why the proposed 4" PE pipeline on Mount Elgin Road needs to be extended from the 3" PE gas main on Culloden Line instead of the 2" PE gas main on Dereham Line in order to serve Burgessville.