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Ms. Christine E. Long - Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor
27-2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0295: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) - Southern Bruce
January 1, 2021 Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) – IGUA Cost Claim**

In accordance with the Decision and Rate Order dated December 18, 2020, for the above-noted proceeding, EPCOR is in receipt of and has reviewed the cost claim submission from the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA).

EPCOR does not object to this cost claim but wishes to comment.

IGUA's costs are for steps taken to review and confirm that none of the requests in the application impacted Rate 16 customers in any way. EPCOR confirmed that there was no impact. A rate schedule for Rate 16 was included in the application for completeness as it reflected rates previously approved by the Board in the ENGLP Southern Bruce 2021 Incentive Rate Mechanism proceeding, which are also effective January 1, 2021.

In proceeding EB-2020-0206, IGUA similarly requested confirmation that the October 1, 2020 GRAM did not impact Rate 16 customers and had their costs paid.

EPCOR is of the view that active and experienced intervenors should be expected to efficiently determine whether a GRAM applies to their rate class. Ultimately, the utility does not wish to see an extra layer of costs for all other customers to pay, in order for experienced intervenors to obtain assurances that a GRAM does not apply to them.

EPCOR awaits the recommendations and/or cost award of the Board with respect to this claim.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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