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## VIA RESS

Ms. Christine E. Long Registrar **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

## Re: EB-2020-0295: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) – Southern Bruce January 1, 2021 Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM).

## Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA) Statement of Costs – Costs Objection Reply

We are in receipt of EPCOR's letter of even date regarding IGUA's cost claim filed in the captioned matter. The cost claim filed on behalf of IGUA is for a total (inclusive of tax) of \$522.06, reflecting 1.4 hours of counsel's time recorded to the matter.

EPCOR does not object to the cost claim, but offers comment to the effect that;

- EPCOR included a rate schedule for Rate 16 (the rate class into which IGUA's constituents fall) in its QRAM 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."*
- IGUA made similar inquiry during EPCOR's first (October, 2020) QRAM as it did in the instant, second (January, 2021) QRAM regarding the impact, if any, on Rate 16 customers.
- "EPCOR is of the view that active and experienced intervenors should be expected to efficiently determine whether a QRAM applies to their rate class."



We agree with EPCOR's view. We respectfully suggest that a simple and brief statement in EPCOR's QRAM filing, in particular if it wishes to include Rate 16 information in that filing, to the effect that there is no impact on its Rate 16 rate class, would enable efficient execution of our task of so confirming and preclude the need for further review of the filing or clarifying inquiry of the utility.

Yours truly,

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