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**TO: All Participants in EB-2021-0146**

**RE: Consultation to Review Annual Update to Natural Gas Supply Plans  
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (Aylmer and South Bruce) 2021  
Annual Update – EB-2021-0146**

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Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued the *OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Consultation to Review the Annual Update to the Natural Gas Supply Plan of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership* (OEB Staff Report). The OEB Staff Report sets out OEB staff's assessment of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's (ENGLP) annual update to its natural gas supply plans for both the Aylmer and South Bruce franchise areas.

ENGLP filed its annual update for both the Aylmer and South Bruce service territories on April 30, 2021 and OEB staff assessed the extent to which ENGLP's GSPs provide the information required by the OEB to evaluate whether the plan delivers value to customers and meets, among other things, the OEB's guiding principles of: i) cost-effectiveness, ii) reliability and security of supply, and iii) public policy.

ENGLP is encouraged to explore demand side management (DSM) opportunities and use the Integrated Resource Planning framework approved for Enbridge Gas Inc. as a resource to guide ENGLP when it examines infrastructure investments and potential alternatives in future.

The OEB also agrees with OEB staff that setting targets and metrics for DSM should be addressed but that this review should be conducted in a rates proceeding. ENGLP should continue to assess relevant policy information, consider including targets for relevant metrics and report back as part of the next annual update.

Following consideration of the OEB Staff Report, the OEB has determined that there are no issues that would require a hearing. Therefore, the issuance of the OEB Staff Report marks the conclusion of the consultation.

The OEB thanks the participants in this consultation. All material related to this consultation is available on the [OEB's website](#).

**Cost Awards**

Cost-eligible activities related to this consultation are complete. A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards will be issued separately.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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