



## **EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

## 2022 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 December 15, 2021

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 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 customer and for its facility-related emissions. The carbon charge under the GGPPA came into effect on April 1, 2019 and will increase on April 1, 2022.

ENGLP's 2022 FCPP application requests approval to increase its rates in its Aylmer and South Bruce service areas, effective April 1, 2022, and to dispose of 2020 balances in ENGLP's FCPP-related deferral and variance accounts.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on November 18, 2021. 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 all parties by **January 14, 2022**.
- 2. ENGLP shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff by **January 25, 2022**.
- 3. Any written submission by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on ENGLP by **February 8, 2022**.

4. Any reply submission by ENGLP shall be filed with the OEB by **February 18**, **2022**.

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.

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0268** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>Filing Systems page</u> on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 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, Alexander Di Ilio at <a href="mailto:alexander.diilio@oeb.ca">alexander.diilio@oeb.ca</a> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <a href="mailto:lawren.murray@oeb.ca">lawren.murray@oeb.ca</a>.

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DATED at Toronto, December 15, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

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