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DECISION ON COST AWARD ELIGIBILITY

EB-2022-0141

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

**Consultation to Review Annual Update to Natural Gas
Supply Plans**

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Applications

June 17, 2022

INTRODUCTION

On May 10, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced that it was initiating a [*Consultation to Review EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's \(ENGLP\) Annual Update to its Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plans*](#) in accordance with the gas supply plan assessment process contemplated in the OEB's [*Report of the Board: Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans*](#) (Gas Supply Framework).¹

In accordance with the Gas Supply Framework, ENGLP filed its annual update to the gas supply plans (GSPs) on May 2, 2022. ENGLP filed its annual update for both its Aylmer franchise area and South Bruce franchise area.

Parties interested in participating in the consultation were asked to indicate their intent to participate by filing a letter with the OEB by **May 23, 2022**. If ENGLP had any objections to any of the requests for cost eligibility, such objections were to be filed with the OEB by **June 2, 2022**.

On May 12, 2022, Pollution Probe requested to participate in the consultation and sought approval for cost eligibility. ENGLP did not file an objection.

This cost eligibility Decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

OEB FINDINGS

Pollution Probe may file written questions and comments in this consultation in accordance with the schedule set out in the May 10, 2022 initiation letter.

The OEB has reviewed Pollution Probe's request for cost eligibility to ensure that it is compliant with section 3 of the OEB's [*Practice Direction on Cost Awards*](#). Pollution Probe's request for cost eligibility is granted. Pollution Probe is reminded that any awards of costs will be dependent on the extent to which its questions and submissions relate directly to ENGLP's GSPs and are within the scope of the consultation (i.e., to the extent Pollution Probe assesses ENGLP's GSPs against the guiding principles and criteria outlined in the Gas Supply Framework).

¹ EB-2017-0129

The OEB also reminds Pollution Probe to be mindful of section 6 of the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#) with respect to cost eligible claims and specifically, section 6.05 regarding cost eligible representatives.

The OEB reminds Pollution Probe that the maximum hours allocated for each activity are per party. As provided in the Appendix A of the Initiation Letter², cost awards will be available for the following activities:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTY
Review of GSP update and written questions	Up to a maximum of 7 hours
Written comments on gas supply plan	Up to a maximum of 4 hours

A decision and order on cost awards will be issued at the end of the consultation.

DATED at Toronto, June 17, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
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² Initiation Letter to Review Annual Update to Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan, May 10, 2022