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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0141: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's ("ENGLP") 2022
Annual Gas Supply Plan Updates - Aylmer and Southern Bruce**

As a follow-up to the September 13 conference call with OEB Staff, please find enclosed responses to three follow-up questions discussed related to the above noted matter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Hesselink".

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Encl.

- 1) ENGLP indicated that its initial 5-year GSP for the Aylmer service area covers the period 2019-2024. Please advise whether 2023 is the last year of the current 5-year GSP, and if so, that ENGLP intends to submit a new 5-year GSP in 2024. Please also advise whether ENGLP intends to file its new 5-year GSP as part of its 2025 rebasing application.

ENGLP Response: ENGLP intends to submit a new 5-year Gas Supply Plan for Aylmer as part of its 2025 rebasing application for the period of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2029.

- 2) ENGLP's initial South Bruce service area three-year GSP (2019-2021) was reviewed in its 2019-2028 cost of service application. The three-year GSP was updated in 2020 (EB-2020-0106) for the 2020-2022 period. Please advise whether ENGLP considers the 2020-2022 GSP (filed in EB-2020-106) the first year of the three-year GSP. If so, please confirm that 2022 is the final year of the initial three-year GSP for South Bruce (and the 2022 update is the final update to that plan). Please also advise whether ENGLP intends to file a new three-year GSP in 2023.

ENGLP Response: 2022 is the final year of the initial GSP. ENGLP intends to submit a new 3-year Gas Supply Plan in 2023 for Southern Bruce in April 2023 for the period of November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2025.

- 3) In its pre-filed evidence for the 2022 South Bruce and Aylmer service areas GSP updates, ENGLP indicated that it plans to implement a DSM pilot in 2023. However, in its responses to interrogatories, ENGLP did not confirm that it still plans to implement a DSM pilot in 2023. ENGLP only mentions it is planning to include a DSM application as part of its Aylmer cost of service filing for 2025 rates. Please confirm whether or not the DSM pilot will be moving forward in 2023 (and whether ENGLP expects any filings with the OEB associated with this pilot). Please clarify ENGLP's plans for DSM programming & OEB filings in the future.

ENGLP Response: ENGLP is no longer implementing a DSM pilot in 2023. While a pilot was an early consideration for a DSM portfolio introduction, further investigation concluded that a more reasonable approach was a staggered rollout, potentially covering a two year DSM plan with options for residential and commercial customers. During 2021-2022 ENGLP also held various meetings with OEB Staff and vendors to determine the complexity and cost involved with both a DSM application and implementation. As costs appeared to be above ENGLP's procurement policy limits (potentially triggering an RFP) and without a mechanism of cost recovery of the application and program, ENGLP is planning on including a DSM application as part of ENGLP Aylmer's 2025 cost of service proceeding.