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To: All Participants in EB-2022-0141

**Re: Consultation to Review the 2022 Update to the Natural Gas Supply Plans of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (Aylmer and South Bruce)
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0141**

Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued the *OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Review of 2022 Annual Update to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's Natural Gas Supply Plan* (the Report). The Report sets out OEB staff's assessment of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's (EPCOR) annual update to its natural gas supply plans (GSP) for both the Aylmer and South Bruce franchise areas.

EPCOR filed its annual update for both the Aylmer and South Bruce service territories on April 29, 2022.

OEB staff recommended that EPCOR South Bruce continue with a three-year GSP cycle and file its next three-year GSP in 2023 for the 2023-2025 period. EPCOR South Bruce should also provide a comprehensive evaluation of its natural gas procurement plan as part of its next three-year GSP.

OEB staff recommended that EPCOR should continue to explore opportunities to engage with local suppliers for RNG to identify potential opportunities, and that EPCOR Aylmer should provide a summary of any lessons learned with respect to receiving RNG supply in its 2023 GSP Update.

OEB staff also encouraged EPCOR to submit a DSM proposal in its next cost of service filing for Aylmer (or in a separate standalone proceeding), where the GSP, the financial impacts, and ratemaking implications can be addressed.

OEB staff further recommended that EPCOR provide details regarding its consideration of scorecard improvements (including potentially adding targets) at the time of its next five-year GSP for the Aylmer service area (filed in 2024), and its next three-year GSP for the South Bruce service area (filed in 2023).

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

The OEB thanks the participant 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,

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Registrar