

October 28, 2022

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Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi:

Re: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership ("EPCOR")
Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") File No. EB-2022-0184, Phase 2
Customer Volume Variance Account (CVVA) Settlement Conference

In accordance with the Board's Procedural Order No.2 in the above-noted proceeding, EPCOR is writing to confirm that the parties convened for a settlement conference on October 26, 2022 and concluded settlement discussions on the morning of October 27, 2022. The parties were unable to reach a settlement proposal regarding the CVVA.

However, the parties jointly request that the Board approve the following next steps by way of a further procedural order:

- 1. EPCOR will file additional evidence by no later than November 14, 2022 which:
  - a. Explains the elements of the mathematical formula that EPCOR proposes to use in calculating amounts recoverable under the proposed CVVA, including a step-by-step explanation on how this formula will be applied to the Rate 1 and 6 customers and corresponding customer segments; and
  - Clarifies EPCOR's intent to maintain both an Energy Content Variance Account (EVCA) and CVVA, including an explanation of the differences between the existing ECVA and the proposed CVVA.
- 2. Directing that there be written interrogatories on the additional evidence filed by EPCOR. The parties may elect to have a technical conference in order to ensure a consistent understanding of EPCOR's additional evidence.
- 3. Directing that this matter proceed to a written hearing.



EPCOR also proposes to submit new evidence on the financial impacts to the utility should the Board not approve the CVVA as proposed in its application. EPCOR would file this new financial evidence by no later than November 14, 2022 such that discovery could occur at the same time as written interrogatories on the above-noted additional evidence.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the writer at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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