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DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2022-0141

**Consultation to Review the 2022 Update to the Natural Gas
Supply Plans of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
(Aylmer and South Bruce)**

BEFORE: **Theodore Antonopoulos**
Vice President
Applications Division

November 22, 2022

OVERVIEW

On May 10, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced that it was initiating a consultation to review the annual update to the natural gas supply plans (GSP) of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) in keeping 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, EPCOR filed the annual update to its GSPs (for both the Aylmer and South Bruce service territories) on April 29, 2022.

In its letter dated May 10, 2022, the OEB established the maximum number of cost eligible hours that a party can claim for the review of the GSPs (up to 7 hours for the review of the GSPs and written questions, and up to 4 hours for review of responses and written comments). On June 17, 2022, the OEB issued its Decision on Cost Eligibility granting cost eligibility to Pollution Probe.

An OEB Staff Report on its review of the Annual Update to the GSPs of EPCOR was issued on October 25, 2022. Following consideration of the OEB Staff Report, the OEB determined that there were no issues that would require a hearing. Therefore, the issuance of the OEB Staff Report marked the conclusion of the consultation.

On October 25, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to activities for the consultation.

The OEB received a cost claim from Pollution Probe. No objection was received.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the cost claim to ensure that it is compliant with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The OEB finds that Pollution Probe's claim is reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards and shall be reimbursed by EPCOR.

¹ EB-2017-0129

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR shall immediately pay Pollution Probe \$3,915.45.

DATED at Toronto November 22, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice-President
Applications Division