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November 24, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar (registrar@oeb.ca) Ontario Energy Board Toronto, ON

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR)

Application for 2023 Rates – South Bruce Service Area – CVVA Additional Evidence

Interrogatories(2) of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Please find attached the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

Mark Garner

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REQUESTOR NAME VECC

TO: EPCOR- South Bruce Service Area

DATE: November 24, 2022

CASE NO: EB-2022-0184

APPLICATION NAME Application for 2023 Rates - CVVA

NB: Numbering continues from VECC's prior interrogatories

VECC.8

Reference: Nov 14 Additional Evidence,

"The weather normalization process used in the CVVA calculation (described in Steps 3 and 4) is largely consistent with the weather normalization process for ENGLP Aylmer as approved by the OEB for the latest Cost of Service application (EB-2018-0336) and used in ENGLP Aylmer's annual Gas Supply Plans and Gas Supply Plan Updates" emphasis added

- a) In what ways does the normalization process used in the CVVA calculation differ from that used in the Aylmer franchise?
- b) Please provide (describe in detail) the approved OEB normalized methodology used by the Aylmer franchise.

VECC.9

Reference: Nov 14 Additional Evidence

- a) What is the purpose of removing the "baseload consumption" in the proposed methodology?
- b) Enbridge EGD rate zone does not use a baseload seasonal adjustment (EB-2022-0200, Exhibit 3, Tab2, Schedule 5, Attachment 2, page 3). Why should one be used in the EPCOR franchise?
- c) Enbridge Union and EGD franchises use different approved normalization methodologies. EPCOR Aylmer uses a third method, also approved by the Ontario Energy Board in prior proceedings. Is the described methodology in the Additional Evidence the first time the Board has been asked to approve a normalization methodology for the South Bruce franchise?

VECC. 10

Reference: Nov 14 Additional Evidence, Excel

a) Please provide the reference and extract of the original CIP evidence which provides for the CIP Average Volumes and CIP Heat values shown in rows 4 and 5 of the Excel Spreadsheet.

VECC.11

Reference: Nov 14 Additional Evidence

- a) Please explain what EPCOR considers the purpose of an average or normalized use true-up variance account in the Aylmer franchise.
- b) Please compare and contrast that with the purpose of the CVVA account?

VECC.12

Reference: Nov 14 Additional Evidence

- a) Please provide the actual and forecast average annual R1 customer consumption for each of the years 2019 through 2028 (based on EPCOR's normalized HDD methodology calculation for the forecast years i.e. based on "normal" weather assumption for each of the forecast years).
- b) What was the forecast annual actual R1 customer forecast provided as part of the CIP?

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