

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

**Application for natural gas distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2023**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
December 8, 2022**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 18, 2022 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to the rates that EPCOR charges for natural gas distribution in its Southern Bruce service area, beginning January 1, 2023.

On November 7, 2022, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3, which included provisions for a tentative technical conference, if determined by the parties to be beneficial, and submissions.

On December 7, 2022, OEB staff and intervenors filed a shared letter indicating that there was not enough supplemental questions to warrant a full technical conference and requested that EPCOR answer two brief follow-up questions that were set out in the letter.

Based on the shared letter filed by OEB staff and intervenors, the OEB has determined that it is appropriate to cancel the technical conference. The OEB will also require EPCOR to provide answers to the follow-up questions set out in the shared letter by December 16, 2022. All other procedural steps established in Procedural Order No. 3 remain unchanged, and are copied below for convenience.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The technical conference scheduled on December 9, 2022 is cancelled.

2. EPCOR shall file with the OEB complete written responses to OEB staff and intervenor follow up questions set out in the shared letter and serve them on all parties by **December 16, 2022**.
3. EPCOR shall file its argument-in-chief with the OEB and send to all parties by **January 9, 2023**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on EPCOR by **January 27, 2023**.
5. Any reply submissions by EPCOR, shall be filed with the OEB by **February 10, 2023**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0184** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Arturo Lau at Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 8, 2022**

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar