

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

**Application for natural gas distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2024**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
September 15, 2023**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 28, 2023 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that EPCOR charges for natural gas distribution, beginning January 1, 2024.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on August 11, 2023. No persons applied for intervenor status.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from EPCOR that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on EPCOR, by **September 21, 2023**.
2. EPCOR shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by, **October 5, 2023**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on EPCOR by **October 19, 2023**.
4. Any reply submissions by EPCOR, shall be filed with the OEB by **November 2, 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-2023-0161** 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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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, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 15, 2023**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

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Registrar