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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board Staff Submission
EPCOR Natural Gas LP Brockton Community Expansion Project
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0246**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached OEB staff's submission regarding the need for a technical conference in the above noted proceeding. The attached document has been forwarded to EPCOR Natural Gas LP (EPCOR) and to all other registered parties in this proceeding.

On August 30, 2023, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out a schedule for the filing of interrogatories, interrogatory responses and for submissions on the need for a technical conference. The OEB stated that it would make a determination on the requests for a technical conference after the responses to interrogatories were filed.

Interrogatories were filed by OEB staff on September 18, 2023¹ and by intervenors on September 28, 2023. EPCOR filed its interrogatory responses on October 12, 2023.

Rule 25.01 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* provides that, "[t]he OEB may direct the parties to participate in technical conferences for the purposes of reviewing and clarifying an application, an intervention, a reply, the evidence of a party, or matters connected with interrogatories."

¹ In response to updated evidence filed by EPCOR on September 19, 2023, OEB staff filed supplementary interrogatories on September 22, 2023.

OEB staff has reviewed the EPCOR's responses to interrogatories and submits that a technical conference is needed to gain a full understanding of the interrogatory responses, many of which address complex rate-making issues.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

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c: All Interested Parties EB-2022-0246