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To: All Participants in EB-2023-0111

**Re: Review of 2023 Annual Update to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's 2019-2024 Aylmer Natural Gas Supply Plan and new Three-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan for South Bruce (2023-2025)
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0111**

Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued OEB staff's *Review of 2023 Annual Update to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's 2019-2024 Aylmer Natural Gas Supply Plan and new Three-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan for South Bruce (2023-2025)* (the Report).

EPCOR filed its Gas Supply Plans (GSP) for both the Aylmer and South Bruce service territories on April 28, 2023.

OEB staff benefited from comments provided by EPCOR and Pollution Probe. In its Report, OEB staff stated that it is generally satisfied with the 2023 GSPs and the information provided. While proposing additional information be provided in future GSPs, OEB staff did not propose any further review of the 2023 GSPs and recommended that the process end with the filing of the Report. The following are the main recommendations from the Report. OEB staff:

- Agreed that EPCOR's proposed updated gas supply procurement plan for South Bruce is reasonable
- Recommended EPCOR provide a more comprehensive list of major policy changes that would affect EPCOR's GSPs both in the long and short term in its 2024 update to the GSPs
- Recommended EPCOR provide a status update on the progress of its Demand-side Management (DSM plan) its next GSP update if EPCOR does not file its DSM plan by early 2024 (whether with its rebasing application or as a standalone application)

- Agreed with EPCOR to include a three-year average metric in the scorecards for both Aylmer and South Bruce

Following consideration of the Report, the OEB has determined that there are no issues that would require a hearing. Therefore, the issuance of the Report marks the conclusion of the consultation.

The OEB is pleased that EPCOR plans to file a DSM plan in either late 2023 or early 2024. The OEB agrees that this could be filed either with EPCOR Aylmer's planned rebasing application, or as a standalone application. EPCOR is encouraged to file the DSM application at its earliest opportunity, and if it is not filed before the next GSP update, EPCOR should provide a status update.

The OEB thanks the participants in this consultation. All material related to this consultation is available on the [OEB's website](#).

Cost Awards

Cost-eligible activities related to this consultation are complete. A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards will be issued separately.

Yours truly,

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Registrar