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Sent by Email and RESS

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2023-0111: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's ("EPCOR")
2023 Annual Gas Supply Plan Updates - Aylmer and Southern Bruce**

In accordance with the November 23, 2023 Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards, ("the Notice") for the above-noted proceeding, EPCOR is in receipt of and has reviewed the cost claim submission from Pollution Probe.

While EPCOR does recognize the contributions that Mr. Brophy and Pollution Probe have made to this hearing, we do note that the cost claim of 13.25 hours is in excess of the 13 hours maximum allowed by the Board as noted on page 1 of the Notice:

In its letter dated May 16, 2023, the OEB established the maximum number of cost eligible hours that a party can claim for the review of the GSPs (up to 8 hours for the review of the GSPs and written questions, and up to 5 hours for review of responses and written comments).

	Notice of Hearing	Cost Claim	Variance
Review of the GSP and Written Questions	8	7.75	-0.25
Review of Responses and Written Comments	<u>5</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
Total	13	13.25	0.25

If our interpretation of the Board's instruction is correct, we request that Pollution Probe clarify this overage in their reply submission.

Sincerely,

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