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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**RE: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership ("EPCOR")
Brockton Expansion - Leave to Construct Application - EB-2022-0246
Notice of Withdrawal of Leave to Construct Application**

Pursuant to Rule 20.01 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, please accept this letter as EPCOR's formal request to withdraw of its Leave to Construct Application for the Brockton Expansion.

Since submitting its application, there have been unexpected procedural delays that have impacted EPCOR's ability to order the necessary pipeline and building materials in time for the 2024 construction season. In addition, EPCOR has received updated information regarding increased demand for natural gas than originally forecasted and used to design the original project. As a result, EPCOR will need to review and reassess the information in the application, before determining whether or not to resubmit a new leave to construct application.

This request does not adversely affect the procedural interests of any party, nor is it contrary to the public interest taking into account the above-noted reasons for the withdrawal.

Other than appropriate compensation of costs in accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, EPCOR respectfully requests that the OEB accept withdrawal of the application without conditions.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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