

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*,
S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B) (the “**Act**”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership pursuant to section 36 of the Act, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of gas to be effective January 1, 2025.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, **Tim Hesselink**, residing in the Town of Collingwood in the Province of Ontario, Canada, make **OATH AND SAY** as follows:

1. I am employed as the Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs for EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (“ENGLP”) and as such, I have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. On August 15, 2024, I filed with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) ENGLP’s 2025 Custom IR Update for the Southern Bruce territory, for rates effective January 1, 2025 (the “Application”).
3. In accordance with the September 6, 2024 Letter of Direction issued by the Board, I caused to be served by email a copy of the Notice of Hearing (“Notice”) for ENGLP’s Application (Exhibit “A”) and the Application and Evidence. The Notice, Application and Evidence were served on the following parties as requested by the Board in the Letter of Direction:
 - i. All intervenors of record in ENGLP’s previous rate applications EB-2018-0264, EB-2022-0184 and EB-2023-0161 (Exhibit “B”); and
 - ii. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Exhibit “B”).
4. In accordance with the Letter of Direction, I caused a copy of the Notice, Application and Evidence to be placed on ENGLP’s website. Attached as Exhibit “C” is proof of the information posted on ENGLP’s website.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the Town of
Collingwood in the Province of Ontario
this 12 day of **September 2024**.



Title:

Daniel Marcus Edward Miziolek,
a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario,
for the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood.
Expires July 15, 2027.

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Tim Hesselink

THIS IS EXHIBIT 'A' referred to in
the Affidavit of Tim Hesselink sworn
before me this 12th day of September,
2024.



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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to increase its natural gas distribution rates in its South Bruce service territory

The requested rate increases are set using an OEB-approved formula, which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. If the application is approved as filed, typical general service customers of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) in its South Bruce territory would see the following increases effective January 1, 2025:

| Rate Class | Annual Bill Increase (including applicable rate riders) |
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| General Service Existing Residential | \$141 per year |
| General Service New Residential | \$138 per year |
| General Service Small Commercial | \$223 per year |

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

ENGLP has also applied to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts, including the Customer Volume Variance Account.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB plans to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process.

Visit www.oeb.ca/participate and use file number **EB-2024-0238** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **September 20, 2024** to:


- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

LEARN MORE


Ontario Energy Board

 1-877-632-2727 TTY: 1-877-632-2727

 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

 oeb.ca/participate

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

 (514) 773-5321

 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 gas@epcor.com

THIS IS EXHIBIT 'B' referred to in
the Affidavit of Tim Hesselink sworn
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2024.

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EXHIBIT B

Hesselink, Tim

From: Hesselink, Tim
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 3:49 PM
To: larry@anwaatin.com; Don.Richardson@sharedvaluesolutions.com; Lisa@demarcoallan.com; jonathan@demarcoallan.com; Patrick McMahon; ian.mondrow@gowlingwlg.com; srahbar@igua.ca; wmcnally@opsba.org; mark@shepherdrubenstein.com; jay@shepherdrubenstein.com; mrodger@blg.com; mrwalden@huronkinloss.com; 'clerk@arran-elderslie.ca'; jlawford@piac.ca; markgarner@rogers.com; EGI Regulatory Proceedings
Cc: Meagher, Tayler
Subject: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership - Southern Bruce - EB-2024-0238 - Notice of Hearing
Attachments: Notice_ENGLP South Bruce_2025 Dx rates_20240906.pdf; ENGLP_APPL_2025 Custom IR Update_SB_20240815.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the notice of application for EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's application for rates effective January 1, 2025 (Southern Bruce). The application and evidence has also been included.

You are receiving this message as you are a listed party on the Ontario Energy Board's letter of direction in this hearing

Regards,
Tim



PROVIDING MORE

Tim Hesselink, CPA

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EXHIBIT C

<https://www.epcor.com/about/news-announcements/notices/Pages/oeb-notice-of-hearing-for-2025-ng-rates.aspx>

<https://www.epcor.com/about/news-announcements/notices/Documents/oeb-notice-south-bruce-application-2025.pdf>

The screenshot displays the EPCOR website's 'OEB NOTICE OF HEARING FOR 2025 DISTRIBUTION RATES' page. The header includes the EPCOR logo and navigation links: ACCOUNTS & BILLING, PRODUCTS & SERVICES, OUTAGES & SAFETY, LEARN & EXPLORE, and ABOUT EPCOR. The main content area features a large image of a microphone and the title 'OEB NOTICE OF HEARING FOR 2025 DISTRIBUTION RATES'. Below this, a sub-header reads 'EPCOR's 2024-2025 Rate Application'. The 'EPCOR Application' section states that EPCOR has applied to the OEB to increase its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2025. It lists the following rate increases:

- General Service Existing Residential: \$191 per year
- General Service New Residential: \$136 per year
- General Service Commercial: \$223 per year

A 'Read our customer notice' button is also present. The 'Public hearing' section explains that the OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application, and that the OEB will also hear questions and arguments from individuals who have registered to participate. The 'Be informed and have your say' section encourages customers to provide input on the application and to be involved in the process. The 'Learn more' section provides a link to the OEB website for more information. The 'Type of hearing' section states that there are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic, and written, and that EPCOR has applied for a written hearing.