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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2024-0337: Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") Application
ENGLP Natural Gas LP ("ENGLP") Aylmer for rates effective January 1, 2025
Responses to OEB Staff Questions**

Please find enclosed EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's responses to OEB Staff's questions received December 13, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Reference:

Application, Page 12

Preamble:

EPCOR states that it entered into a contract with Clearbeach Resources for volumes to be purchased and delivered to its franchise area. EPCOR also states that the required Clearbeach and ENGLP facilities were completed and are planning to flow gas under this contract beginning December 2024.

Question(s):

- a) Please elaborate on why EPCOR requires additional volumes from Local Production (E).

ENGLP Response: The additional volumes are in response to additional capacity requests from a large agricultural customer. The background and justification of the project are included as part of ENGLP's cost of service utility system plan¹ in sections 9.2 along with the System Access - Large Agricultural Customer Phase 1 and 2 Load (Project).

ENGLP has included this connection/agreement in the gas supply plan IRRs² Aylmer 2c & 2e:

EB-2024-0139 Gas Supply Plan IRR 20240815 2c:

Please advise whether there have been discussions with Lagasco on its ability to provide additional volumes/ CD as shown in Table 3-1. If so, provide the outcome of those discussions.

EPCOR RESPONSE: Yes, Lagasco confirmed its ability to provide additional volumes / CD shown in Table 3-1 for 2024 and are reviewing logistics for 2025 onwards. For greater clarity, the Lagasco Contract Demand is a combination of the existing Lakeview Station supply source and a new supply source named Clearbeach, commencing 2024. The Clearbeach supply source is separate from the Lagasco Lakeview supply source.

¹ EB-2024-0130 Exhibit 2 20240718

² EB-2024-0139_Gas Supply Plan IRR_20240815_Pages 7-8

EB-2024-0139 Gas Supply Plan IRR 20240815 2e:

What pipeline additions or modifications are required to provide alternative supply options?

EPCOR RESPONSE: No pipeline additions or modifications are required to provide alternative supply at the Lagasco Lakeview Station. The Clearbeach supply solution will involve installing approximately 2.5kms of 4" Medium Density P.E. pipe from the Maricann station south to Walsingham Townline Road and then east on Walsingham Townline Rd. The Clearbeach proposed supply solution will be able to provide capacity of up to 1,300 m3/hr thereby satisfying both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 load requirements for the large greenhouse customer.

- b) Please discuss whether EPCOR is seeking OEB approval of the costs consequences of the Clearbeach contract effective January 1, 2025.

ENGLP Response: ENGLP is seeking approval of the costs consequences of the Clearbeach contract from the time of commencement of usage (December, 2024).

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Reference:

Application, Page 17

Preamble:

EPCOR states that the heat values used for gas delivered from Enbridge Gas is consistent with the figure used by Enbridge Gas in their current QRAM application and cites EB-2024-0166.

Question(s):

Please confirm that the application should reference EB-2024-0326 for Enbridge Gas's current QRAM application. Please also confirm that the heat values used by EPCOR in its current application are correct.

ENGLP Response: ENGLP confirms that the heat value to convert GJ to M³ is correct (39.09 GJ/103 M3), Enbridge QRAM reference EB-2024-0166 is also correct. The Enbridge heat value content updates on April 1st annually (July 1st in 2024 due to file approval delays). The next heat value is expected to update in the Q2 2025 QRAM filing.