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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2024-0139: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's ("ENGLP") 2024 Annual Gas Supply Plan ("GSP") Updates - Aylmer and Southern Bruce Outstanding OEB Staff Report – 2025 Update Impacts

Background:

On May 31, 2024, ENGLP filed its 2024-2028 Aylmer GSP along with the first Annual Update for the Southern Bruce 2023-2025 GSP. ENGLP responded to interrogatories on August 15, 2024 and received comments from Pollution Probe on August 23, 2024. ENGLP then provided its reply submission on September 12, 2024. Per Procedural Order No. 1, the next step is for OEB Staff to prepare and file its recommendations in advance of any further OEB direction. As of this date, ENGLP has yet to receive OEB Staff's report.

Impacts

ENGLP has already begun the preparation of its 2025 updates for Aylmer and Southern Bruce with the intention to file on April 30, 2024, but has concerns with the absence of the OEB Staff report during this phase of the process. In the absence of the Staff report, it will be challenging to address commentary in any meaningful way in our upcoming planning period. ENGLP stresses that it does wish to incorporate OEB Staff comments and recommendations into this year's update, but any further material delays may result in insufficient time to incorporate.

Further to this, ENGLP notes that as per recent QRAM decisions (EB-2024-0337) and (EB-2024-0338) have been approved on an interim basis in part, pending the outcomes of the Staff Report. ENGLP is planning on filing its Q2 2025 QRAM applications approximately March 10th.

With the above stated, ENGLP respectfully requests the OEB to confirm the timing of the 2024 Staff Report.

Sincerely,

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