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TO: All Participants in EB-2024-0139

RE: Consultation to Review 2024 Annual Update to Natural Gas Supply Plan of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EB-2024-0139)

Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued the *OEB Staff Report to the OEB: Review of 2024 Annual Update to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's New Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan for Aylmer and 2024 Annual update to Southern Bruce's 2023-2025 Gas Supply Plan* (OEB Staff Report).

EPCOR filed its Gas Supply Plans (GSP) for both the Aylmer and South Bruce service territories on May 31, 2024.

The OEB thanks the participants in this consultation. All material related to this consultation is available on the [OEB's website](#).

2024 Annual Update to the GSP

Following consideration of the Staff Report, the OEB has determined that there are no issues in EPCOR's 2024 GSP that require a hearing.

The OEB has reviewed the Staff Report and endorses its recommendations summarized in Appendix C of the Staff Report. The OEB expects EPCOR to follow the recommendations made in the Staff Report.

The OEB agrees with OEB staff's recommendation that EPCOR file options, including Compressed Natural Gas, to alleviate the pressure issues in Southern Bruce in its upcoming IRM for 2026 rates.

The OEB further notes that the OEB will be adjudicating Enbridge Gas's next five-year

GSP.¹ The OEB recommends that EPCOR participate in Enbridge Gas's upcoming five-year GSP proceeding to provide input on the framework and process of the GSP.

The OEB staff report noted that EPCOR files its GSP and subsequent updates while executing the same GSP that is the subject of the active consultation. The OEB expects EPCOR in its next GSP update, to assess and propose a more suitable date for filing its future GSPs and annual updates, to allow adequate time for feedback and execution, or to provide rationale for maintaining its current practice of filing the GSP while executing the same GSP.

The issuance of the OEB Staff Report marks the conclusion of the consultation.

Cost Awards

Cost-eligible activities related to this consultation are now complete. A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards will be issued separately.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

¹ EB-2024-0067, OEB Cover Letter to Staff Report, January 15, 2025