

### **DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS**

# EB-2024-0130

## EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Application for natural gas distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2025

BEFORE: David Sword Presiding Commissioner

> Allison Duff Commissioner

March 3, 2025

#### OVERVIEW

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 18, 2024, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for changes to the rates it charges for natural gas distribution in its Aylmer service territory effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

On September 5, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting intervenor status and cost eligibility to the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) and Pollution Probe.

On January 14, 2025, the OEB issued a Decision and Order outlining the process for cost awards. CCC and Pollution Probe were required to submit their cost claims by February 11, 2025.

The OEB received cost claims from both CCC and Pollution Probe. No objections were raised by ENGLP.

#### Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim to ensure compliance with its <u>*Practice Direction on*</u> <u>*Cost Awards*</u>.

The OEB finds that the cost claims are reasonable and shall be reimbursed by ENGLP.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:

•	Consumer Council of Canada	\$17,859.65
•	Pollution Probe	\$14,636.33

**DATED** at Toronto March 3, 2025

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi Registrar