

June 13, 2025

## Sent by EMAIL, RESS e-filing

Mr. Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar Ontario Energy Board 27-2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray

Re: EB-2025-0176: Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") Application ENGLP Natural Gas LP ("ENGLP") Southern Bruce for rates effective July 1, 2025 Responses to OEB Staff Questions

Please find enclosed EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's responses to OEB Staff questions received June 13, 2025.

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

Yours truly,

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1. On page 11 of the application it states: "...this QRAM application includes forecasted volumes of 70,000m3 of CNG purchased during the period of October - December 2025...".

In a letter filed February 28, 2025, the OEB endorsed the OEB staff recommendations from the OEB Staff Report issued February 28, 2025, which recommended that EPCOR's proposed pilot program to use CNG for Southern Bruce is reasonable as a temporary measure and its use for the 2024/25 planning period should be made final. The report also added that EPCOR should complete an analysis of options to alleviate the pressure issue for future planning periods as part of EPCOR's 2026 IRM filing.

a. Given that EPCOR has not yet filed their 2026 IRM application and has not completed an analysis of options to alleviate the pressure issue for future planning periods, please confirm if EPCOR would have any concerns with the rates in this QRAM application being approved on an interim basis until such analysis is completed in its 2026 IRM application.

**ENGLP Response:** ENGLP does not have concerns with approval on an interim basis.

- 2. On page 5 of the application it states: "In the EB-2024-0097 Rate Order, the Board approved...".
  - a. Please confirm if the case number should be EB-2025-0097.

**ENGLP Response:** Confirmed.

- 3. On page 8 of the application it states: "In March 2024, ENGLP transacted one Dawn Spot Priced deal averaging 400 GJ per delivery day.".
  - a. Please confirm if the date should be March 2025.

**ENGLP Response:** Confirmed.

- 4. On page 13 of the application it states: "The reference price is set such that the projected PGCVA balance at the end of June 2025 is close to zero.".
  - a. Please confirm if the date should be June 2026.

**ENGLP Response:** Confirmed.

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- 5. On page 14 of the application it states: "This cumulative inventory balance is the sum of the forecasted monthly inventory balances for July 2025...".
  - a. Please confirm if the date should be July 2024.

## **ENGLP Response:** Confirmed.

- 6. On page 16 of the application it states: "Schedule 9 provides a bill comparison...(as applied and with mitigation option).".
  - a. Please confirm that there is no mitigation option presented in this application.

**ENGLP Response:** Confirmed