

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

EB-2024-0139

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

**Consultation to Review the 2024 Annual Update to Natural Gas
Supply Plan of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

**By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President, Major Applications**

July 21, 2025

OVERVIEW

On June 13, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) that initiated a consultation to review EPCOR's new five-year natural gas supply plan for Aylmer and 2024 Annual update to Southern Bruce's 2023-2025 Gas Supply in accordance with the gas supply plan assessment process established in the OEB's *Report of the Ontario Energy Board: [Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans](#)* (Gas Supply Framework).¹

The letter invited interested stakeholders to file a request to participate and to indicate if eligibility for an award of costs was being requested. The letter also identified cost eligible activities and the maximum hours:

- Review of Gas Supply Plan and submission of written questions, if any – Up to 8 hours
- Review of responses and written comments on Gas Supply Plan, if any – Up to 5 hours

In its Decision on Cost Award Eligibility, the OEB granted Pollution Probe participant status and cost eligibility.

On May 22, 2025, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in which it set out the process for cost awards.

The OEB received a cost claim from Pollution Probe. On June 4, 2025, EPCOR filed a letter noting it had no objections to Pollution Probe's cost claim.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the claim filed to ensure it is compliant with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The OEB approves the claim as filed.

The OEB finds that Pollution Probe's claim is reasonable and within the maximum number of hours eligible for cost awards and shall be reimbursed by EPCOR.

The OEB approves the claim as filed.

¹ EB-2017-0129, October 25, 2018

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, EPCOR shall promptly pay \$5,172.29 to Pollution Probe for its costs.

DATED at Toronto July 21, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President, Major Applications