

EB-2025-0177

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

Application for natural gas distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2026

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 5, 2025

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) filed a filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 23, 2025, under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that EPCOR Natural Gas charges for natural gas distribution in its Aylmer service territory beginning January 1, 2026.

The application will be heard by Commissioner Anthony Zlahtic.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 15, 2025. No persons applied for intervenor status.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from EPCOR Natural Gas that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 26**, 2025.
- 2. EPCOR Natural Gas shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **October 13**, **2025**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on EPCOR Natural Gas by **October 30, 2025**.
- 4. Any reply submissions by EPCOR Natural Gas, shall be filed with the OEB by **November 13, 2025**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Natalya Plummer, at Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 5, 2025**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar