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Mr. Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Murray

**Re: EB-2026-0085: Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (“QRAM”) Application
EPCOR Natural Gas LP (“ENGLP”) Southern Bruce for rates effective Apr 1, 2026
Responses to OEB Staff Questions**

Please find enclosed EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership’s responses to OEB Staff questions received March 12, 2026. Included with this submission is a revised application which captures the recalculated difference in the GPRA recovery rate and updated proposed gas commodity charge:

	Original 01-Apr-26	Revised 01-Apr-26	Variance
PGCVA Reference Price	\$0.177290	\$0.177290	\$0.000000
GPRA Recovery	<u>(\$0.001969)</u>	<u>(\$0.000927)</u>	<u>\$0.001042</u>
Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.175321	\$0.176363	\$0.001042

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

Yours truly,

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1. The Total average actual/forecast price from April 2025- March 2026, per Schedule 2 was 0.188062 \$/M*3 and 0.177459 \$/M*3 for April 2026 to March 2027, per schedule 5. OEB staff noted that per schedules 2 and 5, the actual/forecast prices appear to continuously decrease from January 2026 to May 2026.

- a. Please explain the drivers behind the apparent reduction in gas prices.

ENGLP Response: In early December 2025, there was a surge in Dawn pricing with a cold start to the heating season causing heavier withdrawals to storage and driving forward prices up. Since then, Dawn pricing has started to slide from this pricing peak as the early winter premium faded and weather started, moderating from the early heating demand surge. Prices have weakened as the forward market decreases to signal a calmer outlook throughout January & February

2. On page 10 of the application, it states "...since the inception of the account along with forecasted purchases beginning April 2026..."

- a. Please confirm if instead of April 2026, this should be February 2026.

ENGLP Response: Confirmed and updated on revised application.

3. On page 12 of the application, it states "This cumulative inventory balance is the sum of the actual monthly inventory balances as of March 31, 2026 ..."

- a. Please confirm if instead of March 31, 2026, this should be February 28, 2026.

ENGLP Response: This should be January 31, 2026 as that is the last period of actuals included. This has been updated on the revised application.

4. On page 14 of the application, it states “The figure of 1,424 m3 was used to calculate bill impacts in ENGLP’s EB-2025-0178 Custom IR filing as it better represents actual usage patterns experience rather than those anticipated as part of ENGLP’s custom IR filing assumptions.”
 - a. Please confirm if “those anticipated as part of ENGLP’s custom IR filing assumptions” refers to the consumption (2,149 m3) used in all previous QRAM and Custom IR filings with the exception of EB-2025-0178, based on CIP projections from the EB-2018-0264 proceeding.

ENGLP Response: Confirmed.

5. Schedule 8 indicates an inventory rate of (0.001969) for January, February and March of 2026.
 - a. Please confirm if instead, this rate should be (\$0.004793). Please update schedules and filing accordingly, as necessary.

ENGLP Response: Confirmed. This has been updated on the revised application.

6. Schedule 8 indicates a Total YTD GPRA of \$2,792.72 for March 2027.
 - a. Should the inventory rate not be set such that this value is close to 0?

ENGLP Response: This understanding is correct. This has been revised and recalculated on the updated version of the application.

7. Please provide the annual bill breakdown for April 2025 using 1,423.9 for Average Residential Consumption. An example of the data requested is shown in the snippet below, from schedule 9.

<u>ANNUAL BILL IMPACT</u>	
	<u>01-Jan-26</u> <u>EB-2025-0317</u>
Average Residential Consumption	1,423.9
Monthly Charges	\$354.84
Delivery Charges	\$432.20
Upstream Charges	\$59.41
Rate Riders	\$162.43
Total Commodity Charges	<u>\$280.40</u>
Total Customer Charges	\$1,289.28

ENGLP Response: See below. Note that these calculations are presented using the updated gas supply charge consistent with the revised application.

	<u>01-Apr-25</u> <u>EB-2025-0097</u>	<u>01-Apr-26</u> <u>EB-2026-0085</u>	\$ <u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Average Residential Consumption	1423.9	1423.9		
Monthly Charges	\$348.00	\$354.84	\$6.84	2.0%
Delivery Charges	\$423.59	\$432.20	\$8.61	2.0%
Upstream Charges	\$59.41	\$59.41	\$0.00	0.0%
Rate Riders	\$127.39	\$162.43	\$35.04	27.5%
Total Commodity Charges	<u>\$290.85</u>	<u>\$251.12</u>	<u>(\$39.72)</u>	<u>-13.7%</u>
Total Customer Charges	\$1,249.24	\$1,260.00	\$10.77	0.9%

8. Please provide the percent change in total customer charges between January 2026 and April 2026 using an average residential consumption of 2,149 m³. Please confirm this value does not exceed 10%, the threshold for triggering rate mitigation.

ENGLP Response:

See below. ENGLP confirms that this value does not exceed 10%.

	<u>01-Jan-26</u> <u>EB-2025-0317</u>	<u>01-Apr-26</u> <u>EB-2026-0085</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Average Residential Consumption	2,149.0	2,149.0		
Monthly Charges	\$354.84	\$354.84	\$0.00	0.0%
Delivery Charges	\$651.24	\$651.24	\$0.00	0.0%
Upstream Charges	\$89.66	\$89.66	\$0.00	0.0%
Rate Riders	\$193.02	\$193.02	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Commodity Charges	<u>\$423.19</u>	<u>\$379.00</u>	<u>(\$44.19)</u>	<u>-10.4%</u>
Total Customer Charges	\$1,711.96	\$1,667.77	(\$44.19)	-2.6%