

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B) (the “**Act**”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership pursuant to section 36 of the Act, for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of gas to be effective January 1, 2027.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

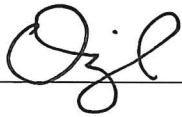
I, **Tim Hesselink**, residing in the Town of Collingwood in the Province of Ontario, Canada, make **OATH AND SAY as follows:**

1. I am employed as the Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs for EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (“ENGLP”) and as such, I have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.
2. On July 31, 2026, I filed with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) ENGLP’s 2027 Custom IR Update for the Southern Bruce territory, for rates effective January 1, 2027 (the “Application”).
3. In accordance with the August 24, 2026 Letter of Direction issued by the Board, I caused to be served by email a copy of the Notice of Hearing (“Notice”) for ENGLP’s Application (Exhibit “A”) and the Application and Evidence. The Notice, Application and Evidence were served on the following parties as requested by the Board in the Letter of Direction:
 - i. All intervenors of record in ENGLP’s previous rate applications EB-2018-0264 (Exhibit “B”);
 - ii. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Exhibit “B”); and
 - iii. The clerks of all municipalities in which EPCOR Natural Gas supplies gas through its Southern Bruce operations (Exhibit “B”).

4. ENGLP did not serve a copy of the Notice, Application and evidence, directly on a band council.
I am informed and verily believe that the Southern Bruce operations do not supply gas to Indigenous Communities or First Nation Reserves with a band council.

5. In accordance with the Letter of Direction, I caused a copy of the Notice, Application and Evidence to be placed on ENGLP's website. Attached as Exhibit "C" is proof of the information posted on ENGLP's website.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the Town of
Collingwood in the Province of Ontario
 this 28th day of August 2026.



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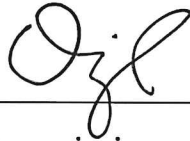
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Tim Hesselink

Daniel Marcus Edward Miziolek,
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 Expires July 15, 2027.

THIS IS EXHIBIT 'A' referred to in
the Affidavit of Tim Hesselink sworn
before me this 28th day of August,
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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to increase its natural gas distribution rates in its Southern Bruce service territory

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR Natural Gas) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to change the natural gas rates in its Southern Bruce service territory, effective January 1, 2027, based on an OEB-approved formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency.

EPCOR Natural Gas has also applied for approval to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts, including an account for certain capital costs and revenue impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The balance in this account is a debit of approximately \$12.2 million. Disposing the debit in this account will increase customer bills. To help manage the bill impacts for its customers, EPCOR has proposed a mitigated rate option in addition to the standard unmitigated rate option. The mitigated option would result in costs being recovered from customers over a longer period of time.

If the entire application is approved as proposed, the annual natural gas bill of a typical residential customer and a typical commercial customer in the Southern Bruce service territory would increase by the following approximate amounts, depending on whether the application is approved with the unmitigated or mitigated option:

Rate Class	Unmitigated Annual Bill Change	Mitigated Annual Bill Change
R1 – Residential customers	\$186.03 per year	\$71.13 per year
R1 – Small Commercial customers	\$444.27 per year	\$169.65 per year

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2026-0149** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **September 8, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

LEARN MORE

Ontario Energy Board

 1 877-632-2727 TTY: 1-877-632-2727

 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

 1-888-765-2256

 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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THIS IS EXHIBIT 'B' referred to in
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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'D' followed by a cursive 'M' and 'E'.

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EXHIBIT B



Outlook

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership - Southern Bruce - EB-2026-0149 - Notice of Hearing

From Hesselink, Tim <THesselink@epcor.com>**Date** Tue 8/25/2026 12:42 PM

To larry@anwaatin.com <larry@anwaatin.com>; Don.Richardson@sharedvaluesolutions.com <Don.Richardson@sharedvaluesolutions.com>; Lisa@demarcoallan.com <Lisa@demarcoallan.com>; jonathan@demarcoallan.com <jonathan@demarcoallan.com>; Patrick McMahon <Patrick.McMahon@enbridge.com>; ian.mondrow@gowlingwlg.com <ian.mondrow@gowlingwlg.com>; srahbar@igua.ca <srahbar@igua.ca>; wmcnally@opsba.org <wmcnally@opsba.org>; mark@shepherdrubenstein.com <mark@shepherdrubenstein.com>; jay@shepherdrubenstein.com <jay@shepherdrubenstein.com>; mrodger@blg.com <mrodger@blg.com>; jlawford@piac.ca <jlawford@piac.ca>; markgarner@rogers.com <markgarner@rogers.com>; EGI Regulatory Proceedings <EGDRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com>; cFraser@arran-elderslie.ca <cFraser@arran-elderslie.ca>; clerk@brucecounty.on.ca <clerk@brucecounty.on.ca>; jmacarthur@huronkinloss.com <jmacarthur@huronkinloss.com>; clerk@huronkinloss.com <clerk@huronkinloss.com>; clerk@kincardine.ca <clerk@kincardine.ca>; 'clerk@arran-elderslie.ca' <clerk@arran-elderslie.ca>

Cc Meagher, Tayler <TMeagher@epcor.com>

3 attachments (4 MB)

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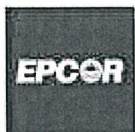
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You are receiving this message as you are a listed party on the Ontario Energy Board's letter of direction in this hearing.

Regards,

Tim



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Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs

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43 Stewart Road, Collingwood, ON



Outlook

Fw: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership - Southern Bruce - EB-2026-0149 - Notice of Hearing

From Hesselink, Tim <THesselink@epcor.com>**Date** Tue 8/25/2026 2:27 PM**To** Nazim Sebaa <nsebaa@igua.ca>

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Hi Nazim,

Following up Ian's email, I wanted to ensure you had the attachments as well.

Regards,
Tim

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Cc: Meagher, Tayler <TMeagher@epcor.com>

Subject: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership - Southern Bruce - EB-2026-0149 - Notice of Hearing

Hello,

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EXHIBIT C

<https://www.epcor.com/ca/en/news/notices/2026-08-27-proposed-2027-gas-rates-south-bruce.html>

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If approved by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), a typical residential customer in Southern Bruce could expect to pay approximately \$6.00 more per month (\$71 per year) under EPCOR's proposed mitigated approach, or approximately \$15.50 more per month (\$186 per year) under the standard approach, beginning **January 1, 2027**.

EPCOR has applied to update natural gas distribution rates in our Southern Bruce service area. The OEB will review the application and decide whether the proposed changes should take effect. The application also includes requests related to approved deferral and variance accounts and recovery of certain costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our application has been assigned OEB proceeding number EB-2026-0149

[Read the OEB customer notice](#)

What could this mean for your bill?

If approved by the OEB, a typical residential customer could see:

- Mitigated option: approximately \$6.00 more per month (\$71 per year)
- Standard (unmitigated) option: approximately \$15.50 more per month (\$186 per year)