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DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2021-0100

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP- SOUTHERN BRUCE

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing
April 1, 2021**

By Delegation, Before: Pascale Duguay

March 25, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP) filed an application on March 10, 2021 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of natural gas commencing April 1, 2021 for its Southern Bruce operations (the Application).

The Application was made pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (QRAM) established by the OEB for dealing with changes in gas costs.¹

ENGLP provided as part of the Application written evidence in support of the proposed changes. ENGLP provided the Application to all parties of record in ENGLP Southern Bruce's last rates proceedings.²

Parties wishing to file comments on the Application were required to file them with the OEB by March 15, 2021.

ENGLP confirmed that the Application did not impact customers taking service pursuant to Rate 16, which was acknowledged by the Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA). IGUA did not seek an award of costs. The Application reflects an increase in the forecast cost of natural gas prices over the next 12 months and includes a true-up between actual and forecast natural gas prices for prior periods. The Application also includes the implementation of the increase to the Federal Carbon Charge effective April 1, 2021.

OEB FINDINGS

The OEB approves the Application as filed.

ENGLP Southern Bruce's rates will be adjusted effective April 1, 2021 to reflect an increase in forecast natural gas prices and prospective recovery of the projected twelve-month balances of the gas supply deferral accounts for the period ending March 2022. The reference price will also be adjusted to reflect the increase in forecast natural gas prices.

¹ EB-2008-0106

² EB-2018-0264 and EB-2019-0264

The QRAM is intended to strike a balance between ensuring that consumers are receiving appropriate price signals which reflect natural gas market prices, and protecting the interest of consumers that purchase their gas from the distributor by reducing, to some extent, the volatility in the price of natural gas. Natural gas commodity prices charged by ENGLP are based on:

- a market price forecast for the commodity over the next 12 months
- a true-up between actual and forecast commodity prices for prior periods as actual costs are passed on to customers without a mark-up. By design, the QRAM includes smoothing of price volatility by spreading this difference over a 12-month period.

The bill impact of this Application for a typical residential customer who uses 2,149 cubic metres of natural gas per year and who purchases its gas supply from ENGLP is an increase of approximately \$6 on an annual basis.

When taking into account the change in the Federal Carbon Charge, the total annual bill impacts for a typical residential customer who uses 2,149 cubic metres of natural gas per year and who purchases its gas supply from ENGLP is an increase of approximately \$48 on an annual basis.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates approved for ENGLP Southern Bruce as part of the decision and interim rate order EB-2020-0295, dated December 18, 2020, shall be superseded by the rates as provided in Appendix "A" and attached to this Decision and Rate Order.
2. The rates shall be effective April 1, 2021 and shall be implemented in ENGLP's first billing cycle commencing in April 2021.
3. The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the Purchase Gas Commodity Variance Account (Account No.179-27) shall increased by \$0.003973 per m³ from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.138135 per m³ to **\$0.142108** per m³ as shown in Schedule "A" of Appendix "A" attached to this Decision and Rate Order.

4. The balance in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account shall be prospectively cleared. The resulting gas supply charge will increase from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.132970 per m³ to **\$0.135771** per m³ as noted in Schedule “A” of Appendix “A” attached to this Decision and Rate Order.
5. The appropriate form of customer notice as set out in Appendix “C” shall accompany each customer’s first bill or invoice following the implementation of this Decision and Rate Order.
6. ENGLP shall pay the OEB’s costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB’s invoice.

ISSUED at Toronto, March 25, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar

**APPENDIX "A" TO
DECISION AND RATE ORDER
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DATED: March 25, 2021**

RATE 1 - General Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR’s Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose total gas requirements are equal to or less than 10,000 m³ per year.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³.

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge⁽¹⁾	\$26.78	
Delivery Charge		
First 100 m ³ per month	27.6210	¢ per m ³
Next 400 m ³ per month	27.0769	¢ per m ³
Over 500 m ³ per month	26.2771	¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges		
Upstream Recovery charge	1.4740	¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	2.6982	¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery - effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028	1.6330	¢ per m ³
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	7.8300	¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	13.5771	¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the supplier must qualify as a “gas marketer” under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider (“**Ontario Delivery Point**”). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

Effective: April 1, 2021

Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2021

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RATE 6 – Large Volume General Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR’s Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose total gas requirements are greater than 10,000 m³ per year.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³.

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge⁽¹⁾	\$106.15
Delivery Charge	
First 1,000 m ³ per month	25.4811 ¢ per m ³
Next 6,000 m ³ per month	22.9330 ¢ per m ³
Over 7,000 m ³ per month	21.7862 ¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges	
Upstream Recovery charge	2.9200 ¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	5.6413 ¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.9090 ¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028	
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	7.8300 ¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	13.5771 ¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider (“**Ontario Delivery Point**”). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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RATE 11 - Large Volume Seasonal Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR's Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose gas requirements are only during the period of May 1 through December 15 inclusive and are greater than 10,000 m³.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³.

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

	May 1 through December 15	
Monthly Fixed Charge⁽¹⁾	\$211.29	
Delivery Charge		
All volumes delivered	15.8280	¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges		
Upstream Recovery charge	0.0352	¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	1.8166	¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.5524	¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	7.8300	¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	13.5771	¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Unaccounted for Gas (UFG):

Forecasted UFG is applied to all volumes of gas delivered to the customer.

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage	0.00	%
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Overrun Charges:

Any volume of gas taken during the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive shall constitute "Overrun Gas" and must be authorized in advance by EPCOR. Delivery of these volumes is available at the Authorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges and Gas Supply Charges. EPCOR will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

Authorized Overrun Charge	16.4933	¢ per m ³
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Any volume of gas taken during the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive without EPCOR's approval in advance shall constitute "Unauthorized Overrun Gas". Delivery of these volumes will be paid for at the Unauthorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges and Gas Supply Charges.

Unauthorized Overrun Charge

394.9668 ¢ per m³

For any volume of Unauthorized Overrun Gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify EPCOR in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on EPCOR by its suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

Nominations:

Union Gas Limited will be the “Upstream Service Provider” to facilitate delivery and balancing of gas supplies to the EPCOR Southern Bruce Natural Gas System. For service under this Rate Schedule, the customer shall nominate for transportation of gas volumes for ultimate delivery to the customer. The customer agrees to nominate its daily gas volumetric requirement to EPCOR, or its designated agent, consistent with industry nomination standards including those nomination requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The customer shall nominate gas delivery daily based on its daily gas requirements plus the Forecasted UFG rate as set out in this Rate Schedule.

The nomination calculation shall equal:

[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG)]

Customers may change daily nominations based on the nomination windows within a day as defined by EPCOR’s agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

In the event nominations under this Rate Schedule do not match upstream nominations, the nomination will be confirmed at the upstream value.

Customers with multiple connections under this Rate Schedule may combine nominations at the sole discretion of EPCOR. For combined nominations the customer shall specify the quantity of gas to each meter installation (“Terminal Location”) and the order in which the gas is to be delivered to each Terminal Location.

Load Balancing:

Daily nominations provided by the customer shall be used for the purposes of day-to-day balancing as required under EPCOR’s arrangement with the Upstream Service Provider.

When a customer’s metered consumption on any day is different than the gas nominated for consumption by the customer on any day, this constitutes a “Daily Load Imbalance”. A “Cumulative Load Imbalance” occurs when the ongoing absolute value of Daily Load Imbalances are greater than zero.

To the extent that EPCOR incurs daily or cumulative load balancing charges, the customer will be responsible for its proportionate share of such charges. Charges related to these imbalances are as defined in EPCOR’s agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider (“**Ontario Delivery Point**”). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

1. In any year, during the period of May 1 through December 15 inclusive, the customers shall receive continuous (“**Firm**”) service from EPCOR, except where impacted by events as specified in EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service including force majeure. During the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive, any authorized overrun service shall be interruptible at the sole discretion of EPCOR. All service during the period December 16 through April 30 inclusive shall be subject to EPCOR’s prior authorization under the daily nomination procedures outlined in this Rate Schedule and shall constitute Overrun Gas.
2. To the extent that EPCOR’s Upstream Service Provider provides any seasonal or day-to-day balancing rights for EPCOR, the customer shall be entitled to a reasonable proportion of such balancing rights as determined by EPCOR from time to time. If the customer utilizes any of EPCOR’s seasonal or day-to-day balancing services or any other services available from the Upstream Service Provider, the customer agrees to comply with all balancing requirements imposed by the Upstream Service Provider. The customer also agrees to be liable for its share of any such usage limitations or restrictions, fees, costs or penalties associated with the usage of such services, including but not limited to any associated storage fees, daily or cumulative balancing fees or penalties, and gas commodity costs as determined by EPCOR, acting reasonably.
3. EPCOR receives upstream services under the Union Gas Limited M17 Rate Schedule. Details of this upstream arrangement and associated nomination standards and Load Balancing Arrangement are available at www.uniongas.com.
4. The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

Effective: April 1, 2021

Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2021

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RATE 16 – Contracted Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer connected directly to EPCOR’s Southern Bruce Natural Gas High Pressure Steel System and who enters into a contract with EPCOR for firm contract daily demand of at least 2,739m³.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³.

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge⁽¹⁾	\$1,547.25
Delivery Charge	
Per m ³ of Contract Demand	105.4686 ¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges	
Upstream Recovery charge per m ³ of Contract Demand	14.2434 ¢ per m ³
Transportation charge per m ³ of Contract Demand	
Transportation from Dawn	18.2999 ¢ per m ³
Transportation from Kirkwall	11.8480 ¢ per m ³
Transportation from Parkway	11.8480 ¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.0601 ¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028	
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	7.8300 ¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

Unaccounted for Gas:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas (UFG) is applied to all volumes of gas delivered to the customer.

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage	0.00 %
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Overrun Charges:

Any volume of gas taken in excess of the daily Contract Demand or Peak Hourly Volume EPCOR is obligated to transport as per the contract with the customer shall constitute “Overrun Gas” and must be authorized in advance by EPCOR. Delivery of these volumes is available at the Authorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges. EPCOR will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

Authorized Overrun Charge	5.1542 ¢ per m ³
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Any volume of gas taken in excess of the daily Contract Demand or Peak Hourly Volume EPCOR is obligated to transport as per the contract with the customer without EPCOR’s approval in advance shall constitute “Unauthorized

Overrun Gas”. Delivery of these volumes will be paid for at the Unauthorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges.

Unauthorized Overrun Charge

395.0684 ¢ per m³

For any volume of Unauthorized Overrun Gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify EPCOR in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on EPCOR by its suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

Nominations:

Union Gas Limited will be the “Upstream Service Provider” to facilitate delivery and balancing of gas supplies to the EPCOR Southern Bruce Natural Gas System. For service under this Rate Schedule, the customer shall nominate for transportation of gas volumes for ultimate delivery to the customer. The customer agrees to nominate its daily gas volumetric requirement to EPCOR, or its designated agent, consistent with industry nomination standards including those nomination requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The customer shall nominate gas delivery daily based on its daily gas requirements plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. The Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate Schedule. The Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates applicable to the receipt point of gas defined in the “Gas Supply” section of this Rate Schedule.

The nomination calculation shall equal:

*[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG) * (1 + Fuel Ratio)]*

Customers may change daily nominations based on the nomination windows within a day as defined by EPCOR’s agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

In the event nominations under this Rate Schedule do not match upstream nominations, the nomination will be confirmed at the upstream value.

Customers with multiple connections under this Rate Schedule may combine nominations at the sole discretion of EPCOR. For combined nominations the customer shall specify the quantity of gas to each meter installation (“Terminal Location”) and the order in which the gas is to be delivered to each Terminal Location.

Load Balancing:

Daily nominations provided by the customer shall be used for the purposes of day-to-day balancing as required under EPCOR’s arrangement with the Upstream Service Provider.

When a customer’s metered consumption on any day is different than the gas nominated for consumption by the customer on any day, this constitutes a “Daily Load Imbalance”. A “Cumulative Load Imbalance” occurs when the ongoing absolute value of Daily Load Imbalances are greater than zero.

To the extent that EPCOR incurs daily or cumulative load balancing charges, the customer will be responsible for its proportionate share of such charges. Charges related to these imbalances are as defined in EPCOR’s agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

Gas Supply:

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers under this Rate Schedule must deliver firm gas at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider (“**Ontario Delivery Point**”). The customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1.

The customer must deliver to EPCOR on a daily basis the volume of gas to be delivered to the customer’s Terminal Location plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. Transportation charges vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point at the rates provided in this Rate Schedule. The Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate

Schedule, and the Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates of the Ontario Delivery Point related to necessary compressor or other fuel requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The Gas Supply calculation shall equal:

*[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG) * (1 + Fuel Ratio)]*

Terms and Conditions of Service

1. EPCOR receives upstream services under the Union Gas Limited M17 Rate Schedule. Details of this upstream arrangement and associated nomination standards, applicable Fuel Ratio, and Load Balancing Arrangement are available at www.uniongas.com.
2. The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership General Terms and Conditions for Rate 16 Customers” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2021

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RATE T1 – Direct Purchase Contract Rate

Availability

Rate T1 is available to all customers or their agent who enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract for delivery of gas to EPCOR. The availability of this option is subject to EPCOR obtaining a satisfactory agreement or arrangement with EPCOR's Upstream Service Provider for direct purchase volume.

Eligibility

All customers who must, or elect to, purchase gas directly from a supplier other than EPCOR. These customers must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR either directly or through their agent, for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider ("**Ontario Delivery Point**").

Rate

All charges in the customer's appropriate Rate Schedule excluding Gas Supply Charge shall apply. Applicable Transportation and Storage charges are determined based on the Ontario Delivery Point.

In addition, administration fees apply to customers who elect to enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR and are detailed in the Direct Purchase Contract with the customer or its agent.

For gas delivered to EPCOR at any point other than the Ontario Delivery Point, EPCOR will charge the customer or their agent all approved tolls and charges incurred by EPCOR to transport the gas to the Ontario Delivery Point.

Unaccounted for Gas:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas (UFG) is applied to all volumes of gas supplied:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage	0.00 %
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Gas Supply:

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must deliver firm gas at a daily volume acceptable to EPCOR, to an Ontario Delivery Point, and, where applicable, must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

The customer or its agent must deliver to EPCOR on a daily basis, at the Ontario Delivery Point, the volume of gas to be delivered to the customer's Terminal Location plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. Where the Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate Schedule, and the Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates of the Ontario Delivery Point related to necessary compressor or other fuel requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The Gas Supply calculation shall equal:

*[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG) * (1 + Fuel Ratio)]*

Terms and Conditions of Service

The provisions in the "T-Service Receipt Contract General Terms and Conditions" apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Schedule of Miscellaneous and Service Charges

A		B
Service		Fee
1	Service Work	
2	During normal working hours	
3	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$100.00
4	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$100.00
5	Outside normal working hours	
6	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$130.00
7	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$105.00
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9	Miscellaneous Charges	
10	Returned Cheque / Payment	\$20.00
11	Replies to a request for account information	\$25.00
12	Bill Reprint / Statement Print Requests	\$20.00
13	Consumption Summary Requests	\$20.00
14	Customer Transfer / Connection Charge	\$35.00 ³
15		
16	Reconnection Charge	\$85.00
17		
18	Inactive Account Charge	ENGLP's cost to install service
19		
20	Late Payment Charge	1.5% / month, 19.56% / year (effective rate of 0.04896% compounded daily)
21		
22	Meter Tested at Customer Request Found to be Accurate	Charge based on actual costs
23		
24	Installation of Service Lateral	No charge for the first 30 meters.

Note: Applicable taxes will be added to the above charges

³ No Charge for initial connection

**APPENDIX "B" TO
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EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Accounting Entries for the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account

Note: Account numbers are in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts for Gas Utilities, Class A, prescribed under the Ontario Energy Board Act.

To record monthly as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-27 (PGCVA) the decrease (increase) to reflect the projected changes in gas costs and prospective recovery of the balances of the gas supply deferral accounts approved by the Board for rate making purposes.

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-27 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)
Credit/Debit Account No. 623 Cost of Gas

To record as a debit (credit) in Deferral Account No. 179-28, interest on the balance in Deferral Account

Debit/Credit Account No. 179-28 Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA)
Credit/Debit Account No. 323 Other Interest Expense

Simple interest will be computed monthly on the opening balance in the said account in accordance with the methodology approved by the Board in EB-2006-0117.

**APPENDIX "C" TO
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAS BILL

Gas Commodity:

On all bills rendered by EPCOR on or after April 1, 2021, the price we charge for the gas commodity and transportation portion of your bill will be increasing by \$0.002801 per cubic meter to \$0.135771 per cubic meter. The Ontario Energy Board has approved this change to reflect the prices that EPCOR expects that it will be paying to its gas suppliers through to the end of March, 2022. On your gas bill this cost is on the line entitled "Gas Commodity".

As a regulated utility, EPCOR is permitted to recover what it pays for the purchase of gas plus any costs reasonably associated with this purchase but with no mark up or 'profit'. The price the utility charges you is based on the forecasted gas and transportation costs to EPCOR, which are periodically reviewed by the OEB and reconciled with actual costs. The gas commodity portion gets adjusted regularly throughout the year as the price of the gas commodity changes.

How will the price change impact you? That will depend on the amount of gas that you use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,150 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to increase by approximately \$6.02 per year. For customers who have arranged to have their gas supplied by a gas marketer/broker, the price may or may not change depending on the terms of the contract the customer has with the gas marketer/broker.

Federal Carbon Pricing Plan:

In 2019, the Federal government implemented a carbon tax as part of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA). This charge recovers costs associated with the GGPPA and reflects your monthly consumption, as well as delivery of natural gas to you and EPCOR's facilities. On April 1, 2021, the carbon charge for natural gas will increase from 5.87 ¢/m³ to 7.83 ¢/m³ of natural gas use. For a typical residential customer who consumes approximately 2,150 cubic meters of gas annually, this price change will cause your annual heating costs to increase by approximately \$42 per year.

If you have any questions about the changes in rates or any other item that appears on your bill, please feel free to call our office at 519-773-5321.

We would like to thank you for choosing to make natural gas your energy of choice