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# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2024-0099**

## **EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP- AYLMER**

**Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing  
April 1, 2024**

**By Delegation, Before: Ted Antonopoulos**  
Vice President  
Applications

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**March 21, 2024**

## INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 11, 2024, for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale of natural gas commencing April 1, 2024 for its Aylmer service area (the Application). The purpose of the Application is to set rates to pass-through to customers the market price of the natural gas commodity. EPCOR does not make a profit on the sale of the natural gas commodity to its customers.

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 natural gas costs.<sup>1</sup>

The Application also includes the implementation of the update to the Federal Carbon Charge and the Facilities Carbon Charge previously approved by the OEB in EPCOR's 2024 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application.<sup>2</sup>

EPCOR provided written evidence in support of the proposed changes. EPCOR provided the Application to all parties of record in EPCOR Aylmer's last major rates proceeding.<sup>3</sup>

Parties and OEB staff wishing to file comments on the Application were required to file these comments with the OEB by March 15, 2024. On March 12, 2024, OEB staff filed questions on the Application. More specifically, OEB staff requested that EPCOR explain why the heat value used in the Application was inconsistent with the heat value used by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) in its April 2024 QRAM application.<sup>4</sup>

In its response to OEB staff's questions, filed on March 13, 2024, EPCOR stated that it used the heat value 39.09 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> published on Enbridge Gas's website and that Enbridge Gas generally updates its annual heat value on the website prior to filing its April QRAM applications. EPCOR noted that the 39.17 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> heat value used in Enbridge Gas's April 2024 QRAM application did not match the heat value published on Enbridge Gas's website.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2008-0106

<sup>2</sup> EB-2023-0274

<sup>3</sup> EB-2018-0336

<sup>4</sup> EB-2024-0099, OEB Staff Questions, March 12, 2024

<sup>5</sup> EB-2024-0099, EPCOR Response to OEB Staff Questions, March 13, 2024

In its March 13, 2024 response to OEB staff questions submitted in the proceeding on Enbridge Gas's April 2024 QRAM application, Enbridge Gas confirmed that the heat value for the Union South rate zone is 39.17 GJ/10<sup>3</sup>m<sup>3</sup>.<sup>6</sup>

On March 14, 2024, OEB staff filed a comment letter in which it noted that EPCOR is amenable to updating its Application to reflect the heat value used by Enbridge Gas for the Union South rate zone and requested that EPCOR do so.<sup>7</sup>

On March 15, 2024, EPCOR filed an entirely updated application (the Updated Application) that reflects the heat value used by Enbridge Gas in its April 2024 QRAM application for the Union South rate zone.

## FINDINGS

The OEB approves the Updated Application filed on March 15, 2024.

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 EPCOR 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.

EPCOR's Aylmer commodity rates will be adjusted effective April 1, 2024 to reflect an overall decrease in forecast natural gas prices and the prospective recovery of the projected 12-month balances in the gas supply deferral accounts for the period ending March 2025.

EPCOR procures natural gas for its system gas customers in the Aylmer service territory from Enbridge Gas and local producers. EPCOR is itself a system gas customer of Enbridge Gas. As such, EPCOR pays Enbridge Gas in accordance with the rates that are approved in Enbridge Gas's own QRAM proceedings. In addition, the formula for the price paid to local producers takes into account Enbridge Gas's approved rates.

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<sup>6</sup> EB-2024-0093, Enbridge Gas Response to OEB Staff Questions, March 13, 2024

<sup>7</sup> EB-2024-0099, OEB Staff Comment Letter, March 14, 2024

On March 21, 2024, the OEB approved Enbridge Gas's proposed rates and heat value as set out in its updated April 2024 QRAM application.<sup>8</sup> The OEB finds that it is appropriate for EPCOR to rely on the approved Enbridge Gas rate order for the Union South rate zone.

The OEB finds that the proposed gas commodity charge is set appropriately to reflect the change in the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA) reference price and the change in the recovery amount for inventory revaluation recorded in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account (GPRA). The PGCVA reference price is adjusted, effective April 1, 2024, based on: (a) the estimated accumulated balance in the account as of the end of March 2024; and (b) the forecasted cost of natural gas over the next 12-month period. The PGCVA reference price is set to bring the PGCVA balance to nearly zero over a 12-month period. The GPRA recovery amount is similarly set to bring the GPRA balance to nearly zero over a 12-month period.

The annual commodity rate impact for a typical Aylmer residential customer who purchases their gas supply from EPCOR is a decrease of approximately \$107 or 28.9%. The total annual bill impact for a typical Aylmer residential customer who purchases their gas supply from EPCOR is a decrease of approximately \$56 or 5%.

The total annual bill impact, described above, includes the implementation of the Federal Carbon Charge and Facilities Carbon Charge (collectively, an approximate \$51 bill increase) as previously approved by the OEB.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> EB-2024-0093, Decision and Order, March 21, 2024

<sup>9</sup> EB-2023-0274

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The rates approved for EPCOR's Aylmer service area as part of the Decision and Rate Order in EB-2023-0337, dated December 19, 2023, shall be superseded by the rates as provided in Appendix A to this Decision and Rate Order.
2. The rates approved shall be effective April 1, 2024 and shall be implemented in EPCOR's first billing cycle commencing in April 2024.
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 decrease by \$0.079109 from the previous OEB-approved level of \$0.190317 to **\$0.111208** per m<sup>3</sup> as shown in Schedule A of Appendix A of this Decision and Rate Order.
4. The balance in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account shall be prospectively cleared. The Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account recovery amount shall increase by \$0.018822 from the previous OEB-approved level of \$0.18096 per m<sup>3</sup> to **\$0.036918** per m<sup>3</sup>. The resulting gas commodity charge, inclusive of the system gas supply cost of \$0.000435, will decrease from the previous OEB-approved level of \$0.208848 per m<sup>3</sup> to **\$0.148561** per m<sup>3</sup> as indicated in Schedule A of Appendix A of this Decision and Rate Order.
5. EPCOR is to communicate the rate decrease resulting from this Decision and Rate Order to its Aylmer customers.
6. EPCOR shall pay the OEB's costs of and incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**ISSUED** at Toronto, March 21, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

**APPENDIX A TO  
DECISION AND RATE ORDER  
OEB FILE NO. EB-2024-0099  
DATED: March 21, 2024**

## EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

### RATE 1 - General Service Rate

#### Rate Availability

The entire service area of the Company.

#### Eligibility

A customer that requires delivery of natural gas to any residential building served through one meter and containing no more than three dwelling units.

#### Rate

a)	Monthly Fixed Charge <sup>(1)</sup>	\$21.50
	Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	\$0.02
b)	Delivery Charge	
	First 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	14.5341 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
	All over 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	11.6811 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
	Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
	Rate Rider for ADVADA recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	(0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup>
c)	Carbon Charges <sup>(2)</sup>	
	Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
	Facility Carbon Charge	0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
d)	Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)	Schedule A

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The Federal Carbon Charge is only “applicable” to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

### **Meter Readings**

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

### **Bundled 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 Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

Effective: April 1, 2024

Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2024

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## EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

### RATE 2 - Seasonal Service

#### Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

#### Eligibility

All customers.

#### Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 - Oct 31	Nov 1 - Mar 31
a) Monthly Fixed Charge <sup>(1)</sup>	\$23.59	\$23.59
Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	\$0.02	\$0.02
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	18.7366 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	23.6171 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Next 24,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	9.6949 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	16.0473 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
All over 25,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	7.6671 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	17.2730 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Rate Rider for PGTVA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Rate Rider for ADVADA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	(0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup>	(0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup>
c) Carbon Charges <sup>(2)</sup>		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)	Schedule A	

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The Federal Carbon Charge is only “applicable” to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

### **Meter Readings**

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading, provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

### **Bundled 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 Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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## **EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

### **RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate**

#### **Rate Availability**

The entire service area of the company.

#### **Eligibility**

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a combined daily contracted demand for firm and interruptible service of at least 700 m<sup>3</sup>; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 113,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

#### **Rate**

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

- a) A Monthly Customer Charge <sup>(1)</sup>:

A Monthly Customer Charge of \$226.94 for firm or interruptible customers; or  
A Monthly Customer Charge of \$251.83 for combined (firm and interruptible) customers.

Rate Rider for REDA Recovery \$0.02  
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024

- b) A Monthly Demand Charge:

A Monthly Demand Charge of 32.8714 cents per m<sup>3</sup> for each m<sup>3</sup> of daily contracted firm demand.

- c) A Monthly Delivery Charge:

- (i) A Monthly Firm Delivery Charge for all firm volumes of 4.0682 cents per m<sup>3</sup>,
- (ii) A Monthly Interruptible Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 11.8752 cents per m<sup>3</sup> and not to be less than 8.6034 per m<sup>3</sup>.

Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery 0.7891 cents per m<sup>3</sup>  
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024

Rate Rider for ADVADA recovery (0.0290) cents per m<sup>3</sup>  
– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024

- d) Carbon Charges <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) 15.2500 cents per m<sup>3</sup>
  - Facility Carbon Charge 0.0035 cents per m<sup>3</sup>
- e) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) Schedule A
- f) Overrun Gas Charges:

Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then,

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized firm overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 3 Firm Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs. In addition, the Contract Demand level shall be adjusted to the actual maximum daily volume taken and the Demand Charges stated above shall apply for the whole contract year, including retroactively, if necessary, thereby requiring recomputation of bills rendered previously in the contract year.

Any unauthorized interruptible overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any Gas Supply Charge applicable.

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

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(c)(ii) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption, the pattern of annual use, and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions; and
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for

it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas as specified in the contract between the parties. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this minimum shall be 3.4003 cents per m<sup>3</sup> for firm gas and 5.8681 cents per m<sup>3</sup> for interruptible gas.

4. The contract may provide that the Monthly Demand Charge specified in Rate Section 1 above shall not apply on all or part of the daily contracted firm demand used by the customer during the testing, commissioning, phasing in, decommissioning and phasing out of gas-using equipment for a period not to exceed one year (the transition period). In such event, the contract will provide for a Monthly Firm Delivery Commodity Charge to be applied on such volume during the transition of 5.9678 cents per m<sup>3</sup> and a gas supply commodity charge as set out in Schedule A, if applicable. Gas purchased under this clause will not contribute to the minimum volume.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The Federal Carbon Charge is only “applicable” to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

### **Bundled 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 Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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## EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

### RATE 4 - General Service Peaking

#### Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

#### Eligibility

All customers whose operations, in the judgment of EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, can readily accept interruption and restoration of gas service with 24 hours' notice.

#### Rate

For all gas consumed from:	April 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - Mar 31
a) Monthly Fixed Charge <sup>(1)</sup>	\$23.59	\$23.59
Rate Rider for REDA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	\$0.02	\$0.02
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	20.6322 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	26.3209 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
All over 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> per month	12.6591 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	20.3392 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Rate Rider for PGTVA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Rate Rider for ADVADA Recovery – effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	(0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup>	(0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup>
c) Carbon Charges <sup>(2)</sup>		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)	15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>	0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
d) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)		Schedule A

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The Federal Carbon Charge is only “applicable” to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

#### Meter Readings

Gas consumption by each customer under this rate schedule shall be determined by monthly meter reading provided that in circumstances beyond the control of the company such as strikes or non-access to a

meter, the company may estimate the consumption each month as of the scheduled date of the regular monthly meter reading and render a monthly bill to the customer thereof.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

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### **Bundled 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 Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

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## EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

### RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate

#### Rate Availability

The entire service area of the company.

#### Eligibility

A customer who enters into a contract with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas:

- a) for a minimum term of one year;
- b) that specifies a daily contracted demand for interruptible service of at least 700 m<sup>3</sup>; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 50,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

#### Rate

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

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|----|--|-----------------------------------|
| a) | Monthly Fixed Charge <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$215.64                          |
|    | Rate Rider for REDA Recovery<br>– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024   | \$0.02                            |
| b) | A Monthly Delivery Charge:   |                                   |
|    | A Monthly Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 10.4667 cents per m <sup>3</sup> and not to be less than 6.7555 per m <sup>3</sup> . |                                   |
|    | Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery<br>– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024  | 0.7891 cents per m <sup>3</sup>   |
|    | Rate Rider for ADVADA recovery<br>– effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024   | (0.0290) cents per m <sup>3</sup> |
| c) | Carbon Charges <sup>(2)</sup>  |                                   |
|    | Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable)  | 15.2500 cents per m <sup>3</sup>  |
|    | Facility Carbon Charge   | 0.0035 cents per m <sup>3</sup>   |
| d) | Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable)   | Schedule A                        |
| e) | Overrun Gas Charge:  |                                   |



Overrun gas is available without penalty provided that it is authorized by the company in advance. The company will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

If, on any day, the customer should take, without the company's approval in advance, a volume of gas in excess of the maximum quantity of gas which the company is obligated to deliver to the customer on such day, or if, on any day, the customer fails to comply with any curtailment notice reducing the customer's take of gas, then

- (i) the volume of gas taken in excess of the company's maximum delivery obligation for such day, or
- (ii) the volume of gas taken in the period on such day covered by such curtailment notice (as determined by the company in accordance with its usual practice) in excess of the volume of gas authorized to be taken in such period by such curtailment notice,

as the case may be, shall constitute unauthorized overrun volume.

Any unauthorized overrun gas taken in any month shall be paid for at the Rate 1 Delivery Charge in effect at the time the overrun occurs plus any applicable Gas Supply Charge.

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

2. In negotiating the Monthly Interruptible Commodity Charge referred to in 1(b) above, the matters to be considered include:

- a) The volume of gas for which the customer is willing to contract;
- b) The load factor of the customer's anticipated gas consumption and the pattern of annual use and the minimum annual quantity of gas which the customer is willing to contract to take or in any event pay for;
- c) Interruptible or curtailment provisions; and
- d) Competition.

3. In each contract year, the customer shall take delivery from the company, or in any event pay for it if available and not accepted by the customer, a minimum volume of gas of 50,000 m<sup>3</sup>. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this annual minimum shall be 8.7866 cents per m<sup>3</sup> for interruptible gas.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The Federal Carbon Charge is only "applicable" to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

### **Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery**

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gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to customers who elect said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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## **EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership**

### **RATE 6 – Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility**

#### **Rate Availability**

Rate 6 is available to the Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative, Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility only.

#### **Eligibility**

Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative's ("IGPC") ethanol production facility located in the Town of Aylmer

#### **Rate**

1. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:
  - a) Fixed Monthly Charge<sup>(1)</sup> for firm services \$69,171.53
  - b) Carbon Charges 0.0035 cents per m<sup>3</sup>
    - Facility Carbon Charge
  - c) Gas Supply Charge and System Gas Refund Rate Rider (if applicable) Schedule A

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

#### **Purchased Gas Transportation Charges**

In addition to the Rates and Charges outlined above, IGPC is responsible for all costs, charges and fees incurred by EPCOR related to gas supplied by Enbridge Gas Inc. to EPCOR's system for IGPC. All actual charges billed to ENGLP by Enbridge Gas Inc. under former Union Gas contract ID SA008936 and SA008937, as amended or replaced from time to time, shall be billed to IGPC by EPCOR when and as billed to EPCOR by Enbridge Gas Inc.

#### **Bundled Direct Purchase Delivery**

Where IGPC elects under this rate schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, IGPC or its agent must enter into a Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. Bundled T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in rate schedule BT1. The gas supply charge will not be applicable to IGPC if it elects said Bundled T transportation service.

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, IGPC, when delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements, must obligate to deliver said gas at a point acceptable to EPCOR, and must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

### **Delayed Payment Penalty**

When payment is not made in full by the due date noted on the bill, which date shall not be less than 16 calendar days after the date of mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission of the bill, the balance owing will be increased by 1.5%. Any balance remaining unpaid in subsequent months will be increased by a further 1.5% per month. The minimum delayed payment penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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**SCHEDULE A – Gas Supply Charges**

**Rate Availability**

The entire service area of the company.

**Eligibility**

All customers served under Rates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Rate**

The Gas Supply Charge applicable to all sales customers shall be made up of the following charges:

PGCVA Reference Price	(EB-2024-0099)	11.1208 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
GPRA Recovery Rate	(EB-2024-0099)	3.6918 cents per m <sup>3</sup>
System Gas Fee	(EB-2018-0336)	<u>0.0435</u> cents per m <sup>3</sup>
Total Gas Supply Charge		<u>14.8561</u> cents per m <sup>3</sup>

**Note:**

PGCVA means Purchased Gas Commodity Variance  
Account GPRA means Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account

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### **RATE BT1 – Bundled Direct Purchase Contract Rate**

#### **Rate Availability**

Rate BT1 is available to all customers or their agent who enter into a Receipt Contract for delivery of gas to EPCOR. The availability of this option is subject to EPCOR obtaining a satisfactory agreement or arrangement with Enbridge Gas Inc. and EPCOR's gas supplier for direct purchase volume and DCQ offsets.

#### **Eligibility**

All customers electing to purchase gas directly from a supplier other than EPCOR must enter into a Bundled T- Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR either directly or through their agent, for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a mutually acceptable delivery point.

#### **Rate**

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

#### **Note:**

Ontario Point of Delivery means Dawn or Parkway on the Enbridge Gas Inc. (Union South) System as agreed to by EPCOR and EPCOR's customer or their agent.

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### **Transmission Service**

#### **Availability**

Transmission Service charges shall be applied to all natural gas producers that sell gas into Enbridge Gas' Union South system via ENGLP's distribution system.

#### **Eligibility**

All natural gas producers, transporting gas through ENGLP's system for sale into Enbridge Gas' Union South system shall be charged the Transmission Service Rate and associated Administrative Charge. Rates and Charges will be applied only in those months that a natural gas producer delivers gas to a delivery point on ENGLP's system for sale into Enbridge Gas' Union South system.

#### **Rate**

Administrative Charge	\$250/month
Transmission Service Rate	\$0.95/mcf

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**Schedule of Miscellaneous and Service Charges**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
	<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>1</b>	Service Work	
<b>2</b>	During normal working hours	
<b>3</b>	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$100.00
<b>4</b>	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$100.00
<b>5</b>	Outside normal working hours	
<b>6</b>	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$130.00
<b>7</b>	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$105.00
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>	Miscellaneous Charges	
<b>10</b>	Returned Cheque / Payment	\$20.00
<b>11</b>	Replies to a request for account information	\$25.00
<b>12</b>	Bill Reprint / Statement Print Requests	\$20.00
<b>13</b>	Consumption Summary Requests	\$20.00
<b>14</b>	Customer Transfer / Connection Charge	\$35.00
<b>15</b>		
<b>16</b>	Reconnection Charge	\$85.00
<b>17</b>		
<b>18</b>	Inactive Account Charge	ENGLP's cost to install service
<b>19</b>		
<b>20</b>	Late Payment Charge	1.5% / month, 19.56% / year (effective rate of 0.04896% compounded daily)
<b>21</b>	Meter Tested at Customer Request Found to be Accurate	Charge based on actual costs
<b>22</b>	Installation of Service Lateral	\$100 for the first 20 meters. Additional if pipe length exceeds 20 meters.

Note: Applicable taxes will be added to the above charges

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