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DECISION AND INTERIM RATE ORDER

EB-2025-0096

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP- AYLMER

Application for quarterly rate adjustment mechanism commencing April
1, 2025

Before: **David Sword**
Presiding Commissioner

Fred Cass
Comissioner

March 27, 2025

INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 12, 2025 (amended March 20, 2025) for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale of natural gas commencing April 1, 2025 for its Aylmer service area. 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.¹

The OEB requires natural gas distributors, one month in advance of the normal QRAM filing date, to complete a preliminary estimate of the change in the commodity portion of a typical residential system supply customer's bill that arises from the forecast cost of gas for the next quarter and the forecasted Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGCVA) balances to be cleared.

A gas distributor that anticipates an increase or decrease of 25% or more on the commodity portion of a typical residential system supply customer's bill (which includes all commodity-related rate riders), must file a letter with the OEB describing the anticipated increase or decrease and the cost drivers underpinning the anticipated change. The letter must include information regarding the 21-day strip used and the forecasted PGCVA balances that the distributor expects to clear. The letter must be filed with the OEB as soon as possible after the preliminary forecast has been completed and no later than 14 days before the filing date of the QRAM application.

If a 25% or greater change on the commodity portion of a typical residential customer's bill is still anticipated when the QRAM application is filed, the distributor must file evidence that explains, in detail, the reasons for the rate increase or decrease. Where the change is an increase, the distributor must also propose a plan for rate mitigation.

EPCOR filed a letter on February 27, 2025, to inform the OEB that the gas commodity portion of the bill was expected to increase by more than 25% for sales service customers in Aylmer. EPCOR stated that should the commodity bill increase be greater than 25% for an average residential customer, it planned to include a rate mitigation proposal.

¹ EB-2008-0106

In its original application, filed on March 12, 2025, EPCOR sought to implement the rates previously approved by the OEB in EPCOR's 2025 Federal Carbon Pricing proceeding.² EPCOR identified that the bill impact for a typical residential system supply customer would exceed 13.9%. EPCOR purchases natural gas, on behalf of its sales service customers in the Aylmer service territory, from Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and from a local producer. EPCOR noted that Enbridge Gas's original QRAM³ application included a mitigation plan. Enbridge Gas's rates and any approved rate mitigation directly flow through to the rates that EPCOR Aylmer system gas customers are charged. EPCOR submitted that, although the total bill increase was greater than 10%, no mitigation beyond what was submitted for approval by Enbridge Gas was required.

On March 20, 2025, EPCOR filed an amended application to reflect federal regulations amending Schedule 2 to the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* and the Fuel Charge Regulations. EPCOR stated that these amendments set the federal carbon charge and Facility Carbon Charge to zero, effective April 1, 2025. With the removal of the federal carbon charge and the facility carbon charge, the total bill impact for an average sales service customer is decreasing.

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.⁴

Parties and OEB staff wishing to file questions or comments on the amended Application were required to file these questions or comments with the OEB by March 24, 2025.

On March 24, 2025, OEB staff filed a letter of comment whereby it submitted that EPCOR's application should be approved as filed pending any updates made by EPCOR in response to OEB staff questions about certain discrepancies and requests for clarifications about the application. On March 25, 2025, EPCOR filed its response. No other party filed questions or comments.

For the reasons set out below, the OEB approves the amended application as filed.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION AND BILL IMPACTS

EPCOR notes that the forecast for natural gas prices reflects current contracts, the weather outlook, current storage levels, demand for natural gas and other current

² EB-2024-0237, Decision and Order, January 28, 2025

³ EB-2025-0078

⁴ EB-2024-0130

market conditions. As such, the amended application reflects an increase of 27% in the forecast cost of natural gas market prices over the next 12 months.

The total annual bill impact for a typical Aylmer residential customer consuming approximately 2,065 m³ is a decrease of approximately \$147.73 or 12.5%, which includes setting both the federal carbon charge and the facility carbon charge to zero.

EPCOR is proposing to remove the facility carbon charge along with the federal carbon charge. OEB staff requested that EPCOR confirm OEB staff's understanding that its carbon pricing costs currently recovered through the facility carbon charge are fully impacted by the amendment in federal regulations and will fall to zero.⁵ OEB Staff submitted that the OEB approve EPCOR's application pending any possible changes resulting from the requests made by OEB staff in its letter of comment. No other party filed questions or comments.

EPCOR confirmed that its facility charge is not related to the provincial Emissions Performance Standards and therefore EPCOR's facility carbon charge is fully encompassed by the amendment in federal regulations and will fall to zero. EPCOR also clarified discrepancies in its application related to RNG pricing, its contract with Clearbeach Resources and the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account.⁶

⁵ OEB Staff Comment Letter, March 24, 2025

⁶ EPCOR Reply Comment Letter, March 25, 2025

FINDINGS

The OEB approves the amended application as filed.

The QRAM process is how the OEB adjusts the prices that natural gas customers pay based on changes in the natural gas market prices.

EPCOR originally filed its QRAM application on March 12, 2025. However, on March 15, 2025, the Government of Canada set the consumer fuel charge (federal carbon charge) to zero after March 31, 2025.

EPCOR's own carbon pricing costs currently recovered through the facility carbon charge are captured by the amendment in federal regulations and would also fall to zero.

In response to this change in federal policy, EPCOR filed an amended QRAM application on March 20, 2025 reflecting the removal of both the federal carbon charge and the facility carbon charge.

The removal of these charges is expected to result in a bill reduction of approximately \$148 or 12.5% per year for the typical residential customer using 2,065 m³ of system gas annually in the Aylmer service area.

While the gas commodity price increase for EPCOR customers using system gas is significant, the overall decrease in customer bills from the removal of the carbon charges more than offsets the price increase.

OEB staff support EPCOR's proposals and recommended approval of EPCOR's amended application as filed.

The OEB finds that the proposed gas commodity charge is set appropriately to reflect the change in the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account (PGVCA) reference price and the change in the recovery amount for inventory revaluation recorded in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account (GPRA).

EPCOR is encouraged to use all of its communication tools to inform its customers about this change.

In the prior QRAM proceeding, as per the Decision and Interim Rate Order for EPCOR Aylmer's 2025-2029 rates application, the proposed rates were made interim pending the outcome of that application and EPCOR's gas supply review. While those two proceedings are no longer outstanding, and the rates associated with each now

considered final, these April 1, 2025 QRAM rates will remain interim pending the outcome of a related EPCOR proceeding.⁷ _

⁷ EB-2024-0239

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1 The rates approved for EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's Aylmer service area as part of the Decision and Interim Rate Order in EB-2024-0337, dated December 19, 2024, shall be superseded on a final basis by the rates as provided in Appendix A to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
- 2 The interim rates shall be effective April 1, 2025 and shall be implemented in EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's first billing cycle commencing in April 2025.
- 3 The reference price for use in determining the amounts to be recorded in the Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account shall increase by \$ 0.062546 per m³ from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.140187 per m³ to **\$0.202733** per m³ as shown in Appendix A to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
- 4 The balance in the Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account shall be prospectively cleared. The Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account recovery amount shall decrease by \$0.021333 from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.010683 per m³ to **\$0.010650** per m³. The resulting gas commodity charge will increase from the previous OEB approved level of \$0.151305 per m³ to **\$0.192083** per m³ as indicated in Appendix A to this Decision and Interim Rate Order.
- 5 EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership shall notify its Aylmer customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

ISSUED at Toronto, March 27, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

**APPENDIX A TO
DECISION AND INTERIM RATE ORDER
OEB FILE NO. EB-2025-0096
DATED: March 27, 2025**

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

RATE 1 - Residential 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 ⁽¹⁾	\$25.00
	Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	\$0.70
b)	Delivery Charge	
	All volumes per month	10.9330 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	(0.5800) cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.9203 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for UFGVA recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	1.9259 cents per m ³
c)	Transportation Charge	2.9161 cents per m ³
d)	Gas Supply Charge (if applicable)	Schedule A

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

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, 2025

Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2025

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EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

RATE 1 – General Service Rate

Rate Availability

The entire service area of the Company.

Eligibility

A customer who has not entered into a contract with EPCOR with the company for the purchase or transportation of gas and does not meet the eligibility of the Rate 1 – Residential rate class.

Rate

a)	Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$24.50
	Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	\$0.60
b)	Delivery Charge	
	First 1,000 m ³ per month	12.0582 cents per m ³
	All over 1,000 m ³ per month	9.6276 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.0700 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.9203 cents per m ³
	Rate Rider for UFGVA recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	1.9259 cents per m ³
c)	Transportation Charge	2.9161 cents per m ³
d)	Gas Supply Charge (if applicable)	Schedule A

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

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 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 ⁽¹⁾	\$24.48	\$24.48
Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	\$0.18	\$0.18
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	17.0039 cents per m ³	22.0752 cents per m ³
Next 24,000 m ³ per month	7.6087 cents per m ³	14.2095 cents per m ³
All over 25,000 m ³ per month	5.5016 cents per m ³	15.4831 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.0300 cents per m ³	0.0300 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for PGTVA Recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.7466 cents per m ³	0.7466 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for UFGVA Recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	1.5202 cents per m ³	1.5202 cents per m ³
c) Transportation Charge	2.9161 cents per m ³	2.9161 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge (if applicable)		Schedule A

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

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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Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2025

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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 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 113,000 m³.

Rate

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

- a) A Monthly Customer Charge⁽¹⁾:

A Monthly Customer Charge of \$234.68 for firm or interruptible customers; or
A Monthly Customer Charge of \$260.42 for combined (firm and interruptible)
customers.

Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation \$1.55
– effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025

- b) A Monthly Demand Charge:

A Monthly Demand Charge of 33.9977 cents per m³ for each m³ of daily contracted
firm demand.

Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation 0.0225 cents per m³ for each m³ of daily
contracted firm demand.
– effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025

- c) A Monthly Delivery Charge:

- (i) A Monthly Firm Delivery Charge for all firm volumes of 1.7539 cents per m³,
- (ii) A Monthly Interruptible Delivery Charge for all interruptible volumes to be negotiated between the company and the customer not to exceed 9.8284 cents per m³ and not to be less than 6.4445 per m³.

Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation m ³ – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.0200 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery m ³ – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.3340 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for UFGVA recovery m ³ – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.7543 cents per m ³

- d) Transportation Charge 2.9161 cents per m³
- e) Gas Supply Charge (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 3.5159 cents per m3 for firm gas and 6.0676 cents per m3 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 6.1707 cents per m3 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.

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

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 ⁽¹⁾	\$24.83	\$24.83
Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	\$0.25	\$0.25
b) Delivery Charge		
First 1,000 m ³ per month	19.2608 cents per m ³	25.2614 cents per m ³
All over 1,000 m ³ per month	10.8506 cents per m ³	18.9517 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.0200 cents per m ³	0.0200 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for PGTVA Recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	0.6641 cents per m ³	0.6641 cents per m ³
Rate Rider for UFGVA Recovery – effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025	1.1353 cents per m ³	1.1353 cents per m ³
c) Transportation Charge	2.9161 cents per m ³	2.9161 cents per m ³
d) Gas Supply Charge		Schedule A

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

⁽²⁾ 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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Implementation: All bills rendered on or after April 1, 2025

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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 m³; and
- c) a qualifying annual volume of at least 50,000 m³.

Rate

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

- a) Monthly Fixed Charge⁽¹⁾ \$197.22
 - Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation (\$3.68)
 - effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025
- 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 7.3996 cents per m³ and not to be less than 4.0069 per m³.
 - Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation (0.0100) cents per m³
 - effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025
 - Rate Rider for PGTVA recovery 1.0484 cents per m³
 - effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025
 - Rate Rider for UFGVA recovery 1.6103 cents per m³
 - effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025
- c) Transportation Charge 2.9161 cents per m³
- 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 m³. Overrun volumes will not contribute to the minimum volume. The rate applicable to the shortfall from this annual minimum shall be 5.8239 cents per m³ for interruptible gas.

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

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 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⁽¹⁾ for firm services \$71,541.35
 - Rate Rider for Deferred Implementation \$473.96
– effective for 10 months ending December 31, 2025

⁽¹⁾ 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-2025-0096)	20.2733 cents per m ³
GPRA Recovery Rate	(EB-2025-0096)	<u>-1.0650</u> cents per m ³
Total Gas Supply Charge		<u>19.2083</u> cents per m ³

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

	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
8		
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
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	Meter Tested at Customer Request Found to be Accurate	Charge based on actual costs
22	Installation of Service Lateral	\$100 for the first 20 meters for residential customers. Additional if pipe length exceeds 20 meters.

Note: Applicable taxes will be added to the above charges

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