

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. seeks approval to transfer its authority to distribute natural gas in Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership.

Learn more. Have your say.

On April 12, 2018, the Ontario Energy Board granted certificates of public convenience and necessity to EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. authorizing it to construct and operate a natural gas distribution system in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc., together with EPCOR Utilities Inc. and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership are asking the Ontario Energy Board to transfer the certificates of public convenience and necessity for each of Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss, from EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership. The applicants submit that the transfer of the certificates will neither harm ratepayers nor affect the development or safe operation of natural gas storage and distribution in Ontario.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the request of EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc., EPCOR Utilities Inc. and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant the request.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. This Act requires that a person that intends to distribute natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area but there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to serve that area.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc., EPCOR Utilities Inc. and EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **October 15, 2018** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0247**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2018-0247** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 15, 2018**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 18(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B) and section 8 of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55

