

## EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied for approval of natural gas franchise agreements with and certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Township of Chatsworth.

Learn more. Have your say.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. An order approving natural gas franchise agreements with the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Township of Chatsworth which would grant to EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas for a period of 20 years.
2. An order that the agreement of the municipal electors of the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Township of Chatsworth is not required in relation to granting the natural gas franchise agreements.
3. An order cancelling its existing certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Township of Chatsworth and replacing them with new certificates of public convenience and necessity, that will allow EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership to serve areas within each of the municipalities and township that currently do not have access to natural gas service.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership says that it will be expanding access to natural gas service to customers in the new areas pursuant to project funding being provided under Phase 2 of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's application. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's requests.

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 construct any works to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal*

*Franchises Act* (Act). This Act requires that a person that intends to construct any works to supply natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate). Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area within which there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to construct works to supply 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 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 **November 22, 2021** 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-2021-0269**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0269** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate). You can also phone our Public Information 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 **November 22, 2021**.

### 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 8(1), 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.*

