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## Re: EB-2021-0004: Enbridge 2021 Annual Update to 5 Year Gas Supply Plan – EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) Stakeholder Conference Questions

Please find attached EPCOR's questions for the Stakeholder Conference planned for April 26 and 27, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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## Question: 1

Reference:

Page 17, last paragraph:

"EGI will launch the program in 2021 and begin procuring RNG thereafter. EGI forecasts total RNG procurement for the voluntary program to reach approximately 35,000 GJ by the third year of the program."

Page 52, first paragraph:

"In the second half of 2020, EGI received Board approval of two applications that will result in EGI purchasing RNG to support the Voluntary RNG Program<sup>70</sup> and hydrogen to support the Low Carbon Energy Project<sup>71</sup>. EGI will begin contracting for and procuring these supplies on behalf of sales service customers in 2021. In January 2021, the Gas Supply Procurement Policies and Practices were updated to allow for the purchase of hydrogen. See section 4.2 for further details on the inclusion of hydrogen in the system supply portfolio."

Request:

- 1) Will the introduction of RNG and hydrogen gas into the gas supply mix impact the Federal Carbon Charge levied to system gas and direct purchase customers? If so, how?
- 2) Will the RNG and hydrogen gas reduce the fuel charge to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)?
- 3) How will the introduction of RNG and hydrogen gas into the gas supply mix impact the manner in which Enbridge reports the carbon intensity of its system gas supply?
- 4) How will the resulting RNG and hydrogen gas impact the carbon intensity of gas supply distributed to Direct Purchase customers?

## Question: 2

Reference:

Page 26, Section 6.3 Sustainable Natural Gas, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

"EGI is investigating SNG frameworks and exploring opportunities for the potential inclusion of SNG within its system supply portfolio as early as November 1, 2021."

Request:

- 1) How will the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) attributes associated with the SNG volumes be reported?
- 2) How will the ESG attributes associated with the SNG volumes be allocated to embedded utilities, direct purchase customers, and system gas customers?
- 3) How will the premiums associated with SNG flow through to the rate base? For example, will the increased cost show up in gas supply charge?