**OEB Staff Questions**

**EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP)**

**EB-2022-0245**

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**Staff Question-1**

**Reference(s):** EB-2022-0245 Application and Evidence, Clause 41 & 42

**Preamble:** ENGLP notes thatin accordance with the previous Decision and Order for EB-2021-0268, ENGLP has revised their allocation methodology of anticipated facility costs for 2023 to include both Aylmer and Southern Bruce operations. ENGLP is proposing to allocate the facility costs as follows:

* Company use natural gas vehicles (NGV) – 100% to Aylmer since South Bruce has a separate fleet that does not include NGV, and
* Company use buildings based on forecast volume (m3) of all customers – this results in a cost allocation of 75% to Aylmer and 25% to South Bruce

**Question(s):**

1. Please confirm that Rate 16 customers in the South Bruce rate zone was included in ENGLP’s forecast volume of all customers (29,778,616 m3) resulting in the 25% allocation of facility charge since facility charge is applicable to all rate classes without exception. Per Clause 42, ENGLP only notes that consumption of Rate 6 customers in Aylmer rate zone was included resulting in the 75% allocation.
2. If the forecasted volume of all customers does not include Rate 16, please provide a justification as to why consumption for this customer class in South Bruce was excluded. As it may be required, please update all calculations of the facility carbon charge allocation, and the corresponding proposed rate riders and bill impacts for both rate zones that may be impacted from part (a) of the question above.
3. Please confirm if ENGLP anticipates a significant change in forecast volume (m3) for both rate zones (specifically in South Bruce given the continual growth of this region) rendering a significant change to the current 75%/25% facility cost allocation split between Aylmer and South Bruce in the near future. If so, what is the magnitude of the change and how does ENGLP plan to deal with the bill impacts to customers.

**Staff Question-2**

**Reference(s):** EB-2022-0245 Application and Evidence, Clause 34

**Preamble:** ENGLP calculated a total forecast cost associated with eligible greenhouse natural gas consumption volumes of $653,148. An effective natural gas consumption volume of 52,716 m3 and a Federal Carbon Charge of $0.1239 per m3 were noted as the inputs to this calculation.

**Question(s):**

1. OEB staff repeated the calculation for the total forecast cost associated with eligible greenhouse natural gas consumption volumes and arrived at a total cost of $6,531.51. Please confirm the value for the total forecast cost associated with eligible greenhouse natural gas consumption volumes.
2. As it may be required, please update all downstream calculations that may be impacted resulting from part (a) of this question above.