

**EPCOR NATURAL GAS LP – SOUTH BRUCE**  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD STAFF QUESTIONS**

**JUNE 13, 2023**

**Staff.1- RNG**

**Ref: Application, Schedule 1, Pg 10, Line 8-15**

EPCOR has finalized the agreement with respect to the RNG purchases that are expected to begin in mid-June 2023. The contract has a term of 10 years. The price to be paid for this gas is equal to the Enbridge gas supply commodity rate, adjusted for the difference in energy content. The formula used to determine the price for this gas is:

Price (\$/m3) = RNG Producer Heat Content/Enbridge Heat Content x Enbridge Total Gas Supply Commodity Charge.

Question

1. Please confirm that ratepayers are paying the same rate to the RNG producer as if EPCOR was purchasing the natural gas from Enbridge Gas after accounting for heating values.
2. Please provide a detailed comparison of pricing between RNG, Production B and C and Enbridge Gas. Please include details such as discounts and any delivery charges that are applicable to each source of supply.
  - a. Please explain why the RNG supply does not include a discount similar to Production B or C.

**Staff.2- Production B**

**Ref: Application, Schedule 1, Pg 5, Line 4-7**

The Amending Agreement has a term to September 30, 2023. At this time, no contract extension is in place beyond the end of September, 2023. For forecasting purposes for the October, 2023 through June, 2024 period, EPCOR has assumed that the pricing mechanism in the current contract remains in place for this period.

Question

1. Local Production B has a contract set to expire on September 30, 2023. Please elaborate on the consequences of not being able to renew.
  - a. In the scenario that Production B does not renew, please provide EPCOR's plan with respect to replacing this source of supply.

**Staff.3- Schedule 9**

**Ref: Application, Schedule 9**

**EPCOR Aylmer July 2022 QRAM, EB-2022-0173, Schedule 9**

In the current application in Schedule 9, under Rates Used, EB-2022-0173 Rate Riders- \$/m<sup>3</sup> is \$0.000000/m<sup>3</sup>. In application, EB-2022-0173, the same rate rider was \$0.005878/m<sup>3</sup>.

Question

1. Please clarify the discrepancies between the two applications.