**OEB Staff Questions**

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

**EB-2023-0274**

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**Staff Question-1**

**Reference(s):** EB-2023-0274 Application and Evidence, Page 12-14

 EB-2022-0245 Interrogatory Responses, Staff Question-1(c)

**Preamble:** Consistent with ENGLP’s federal carbon application in the prior year, ENGLP is proposing to allocate 2024 facility costs between its Aylmer and Southern Bruce operations as follows:

* Company use natural gas vehicles (NGV): 100% to Aylmer since Southern Bruce has a separate fleet that does not include NGV, and
* Company use buildings: 75% to Aylmer and 25% to Southern Bruce based on forecast volume (m3) of all customers. 2024 volume projections were based on actual 2022 data for Aylmer and forecasted data for Southern Bruce since historical growth will not adequately capture additional connections expected in 2024 and 2025 due to the timing of customer connections in the Southern Bruce expansion project.

**Question(s):**

1. Per ENGLP’s interrogatory response to staff question-1(c) under EB-2022-0245, a significant change in volumes is not expected for Aylmer, and growth is expected to continue in Southern Bruce. However, cost allocation for company-use buildings remain at 75%/25% per ENGLP’s current year application. Please confirm if ENGLP anticipates a significant change in forecast volume (m3) for Southern Bruce given the connections expected in 2024 and 2025 from the expansion project. Will it render a change to the 75%/25% facility cost allocation 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?
2. Does ENGLP plan on changing their forecast volumes methodology from forecast to actual prior year volumes (like Aylmer) once growth stabilizes in Southern Bruce? If so, when does ENGLP anticipate this to happen?

**Staff Question-2**

**Reference(s):** EB-2022-0245 Application and Evidence, Page 17

**Preamble:** Per ENGLP’s 2023 federal carbon application, ENGLP deferred disposition of any deferral and variance account balances related to the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) until 2024 because of adjustments to the Customer Carbon Charge Variance Account (CCCVA) in 2022. In its current application, ENGLP deferred disposition once again since further adjustments were required as a result of ENGLP’s review of internal CRA remittance processes related to GGPPA obligations.

**Question(s):**

1. In its prior and current year application, ENGLP notes that it will defer disposition until all final adjustments are made. Please confirm when ENGLP anticipates the internal review process to be completed. Does ENGLP anticipate any further delays in being able to request the disposition of its deferral and variance account balances in 2025?