

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
Answer to Interrogatory from
Energy Probe Research Foundation (EP)

Reference: Exhibit D1, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Page 42

Preamble: *“Among Residential customers, more than half (58%) are willing to pay an increase in their bill to fund an investment. About one third (35%) of Residential customers would be willing to pay approximately \$3.60 more per month for both maintaining current levels of safety and reliability and to invest in renewable natural gas. Slightly more than one in ten (14%) Residential customers would be willing to pay approximately \$1.60 more per month to invest in renewable natural gas exclusively, while one in ten (9%) would be willing to pay approximately \$2.00 more per month to maintain existing levels of safety and reliability.”*

Question:

- a) Please confirm the cited monthly bill impact of \$3.60 is split between replacement infrastructure (\$2.00) and RNG (\$1.60).
- b) What is the current comparable Bill impact for DSM/Conservation?
- c) Is EGI suggesting to the Board it should charge customers for all three initiatives plus the federal Carbon Tax during the RNG Plan? If provide the monthly residential bill impact.
- d) If not, please clarify exactly what EGI is proposing and the estimated bill impacts

Response

- a) Yes, the bill impact of \$3.60 is split between replacement infrastructure (\$2.00) and RNG (\$1.60).

- b) The EGD rate zone's Board-Approved 2019 DSM Budget is \$66.4M. The amount budgeted for Rate 1: Residential Service customers is \$38.6M for 2019.

Based on the budgeted amount of \$38.6M, the annual amount a typical Rate 1 residential customer would pay for DSM is \$19, which is approximately \$1.6 per month.

- c, d) Enbridge Gas has been investigating the introduction of a voluntary RNG program that would be designed so as to have minimal bill impacts. This initiative is consistent with and supported by the provincial governments "A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan" (page 33), which states: "Require natural gas utilities to implement a voluntary renewable natural gas option for customers." The costs associated with the maintenance of a safe and reliable gas distribution are completely unrelated to those of a voluntary RNG program and are legitimate costs recoverable in rates. Enbridge Gas will be required to bill and remit the Federal Carbon Tax based on end user natural gas consumption regardless as to what costs are recoverable in its rates.