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As discussed on the call this am, the transcript is now available here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-2/RNNR/meeting-23/evidence>

Thanks all.

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Subject: FortisBC Follow-Up Items

Morning folks,

Doug and Brent asked that I circle back on a few follow-ups from the call earlier this week.

1. David Hutchens remarks at the fed Natural Resources committee are attached here. Video for Molly and John's remarks from April 26 can be accessed here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/RNNR/StudyActivity?studyActivityId=11214983>

Lots of dialogue on April 26 on hydrogen from MPs and NRCAN/ECCC's views on the same. I gather Ottawa isn't quite as efficient as the BC legislature at publishing hansard blues so it may be a while yet before transcripts are published..

2. Agricultural sector & ghg emissions abatement: see attached for the letter we mentioned. We'd provided this in 2018 as part of the Revitalization of ALR and ALC consultation. This is a bit dated and we will circle back on this internally to see if there are any updates we'd seek to provide.

One item we should mention that is related is the consultation around Air Quality permitting

fees that Metro Van is currently undertaking. Not sure if this is something that EMLI is plugged into but worth being aware of given our conversation on the ag sector. I know the Canadian Biogas Association has concerns with regard to what is being considered and potential impacts on their sector, as do we. Below email provides some context on their views. We reflected these comments in our own submission but flagging for your awareness.

Thanks and let us know if you have any questions on this.

Jordan

From: Canadian Biogas Association <CBA2@wildapricot.org>

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Canadian Biogas Association



**CBA Member Call to Action – Have Your Say by April
30th**

Dear Robert,

Metro Vancouver has proposed [Potential Amendments to Air Quality Permit and Regulatory Fees](#) that would create significant challenges for biogas plant development and operation.

We encourage you to provide your feedback through the [online feedback form](#) (open until this Friday, April 30th)

There are two key questions in the feedback form. We have provided recommended answers below for your convenience:

Question 5. Do you agree with an increase in fees for air contaminants?

Answer: Strongly Disagree

What changes could be made to the proposal to increase your level of support? (Optional): On-farm biogas plants should be exempt from the fee for methane emissions as the amount of methane emitted from an on-farm biogas plant is significantly less than a dairy farm. However, dairy farms are exempt from air quality permits and therefore do not pay a fee for methane emissions. As such, increasing the fee for methane emissions will discourage dairy farmers from building biogas plants, which will result in greater emissions of methane.

Question 8. Do you agree with creating a new emission fee for odorous air contaminants?

Answer: Strongly Disagree

What changes could be made to the proposal to increase your level of support? (Optional): On-farm biogas plants should be exempt from the fee for odour emissions as the amount of odour from an on-farm biogas plant is significantly less than a dairy farm. However, dairy farms are exempt from air quality permits and therefore do not pay a fee for odour emissions. As such, increasing the fee for odour emissions will discourage dairy farmers from building biogas plants, which will result in greater emissions of odour.

We appreciate you lending your voice to continue to foster biogas development. Feel free to reach out with any questions or additional comments.

Contact us at jgreen@biogasassociation.ca

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