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Subject: Renewable and Sustainably Produced Natural Gas Call for Workpapers

NAESB Renewable and Sustainably Produced Natural Gas Task Force,

Thank you for your interest in Renewable Natural Gas (“RNG”) and Sustainably Produced Natural Gas (“Sustainable Gas”) these are both issues that AGA’s members, *i.e.*, natural gas utilities, are very interested in.  AGA plans to participate, where it can, in this NAESB process and work with the natural gas utility member(s) of the Task Force.  If there is anything AGA can do to assist NAESB do not hesitate to ask.  Below are a few items that AGA requests that the Task Force consider as part of this process.

**Scope of the Task Force**

Regarding the issues to be addressed by the Task Force, particularly on commingling RNG and Sustainable Gas and an RNG definition.

* There should be a line between RNG and Sustainable Gas and the concepts should not be comingled because the commodities and markets are very different.  It is not that the Task Force cannot handle both topics, but that there is enough differences in the markets and stakeholders that it would be best to keep any potential base contracts or standards separate.
* AGA utilizes the following definition for RNG, it is also in the American Gas Foundation study noted below:
  + “Pipeline compatible gaseous fuel derived from biogenic or other renewable sources that has lower lifecycle carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-eq) emissions than geological natural gas.”

**Request for Information**

At the Task Force meeting on October 30, the Chair requested that participants provide information on RNG and Sustainable Gas.  Linked below is information that will assist the Task Force in its analysis of the issues.  I am providing links due to the size of the files, but if attachments are needed please let me know.

* American Gas Foundation (“AGF”) 2019 Study on “[Renewable Sources of Natural Gas, Supply and Emissions Reduction Assessment](https://gasfoundation.org/2019/12/18/renewable-sources-of-natural-gas/)”
  + [Full Report](https://gasfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AGF-2019-RNG-Study-Full-Report-FINAL-12-18-19.pdf)
  + [Fact Sheets](https://gasfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AGA_3894-RNG-2-Pager_V-11.pdf)
  + [Executive Summary](https://gasfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AGF-2019-RNG-Study-Executive-Summary-Final-12-18-2019-AS-1.pdf)
* AGA’s RNG [Information](https://www.aga.org/natural-gas/renewable/)
  + [AGA RNG Policy Principles](https://www.aga.org/contentassets/12f84f5492c0400595b9ae54884dd2d7/rng-policy-principles_february-2018.pdf)
  + [RNG Activity Tracker](https://www.aga.org/contentassets/12f84f5492c0400595b9ae54884dd2d7/rng-activity-tracker.docx)
  + [Trueblue Blog RNG Items](http://www.truebluenaturalgas.org/category/rng/)
  + AGA’s recent [RNG comments to EIA](https://aga1-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/magen_aga_org/Eb0cPHaWiGxPlO9RSWEz1GgB5MbhBFoyoLd0jHwEG6bfkw?e=lGwhTd)
* AGA Natural Gas ESG/Sustainability
  + [EEI and AGA ESG/Sustainability Template](https://www.aga.org/policy/natural-gas-esgsustainability/)
* Non-AGA or AGF
  + EPA [2019 Renewable Natural Gas Workshop](https://www.epa.gov/natural-gas-star-program/2019-renewable-natural-gas-workshop)

**Stakeholder Involvement**

As noted above, AGA plans to participate in the NAESB’s efforts and will encourage gas utilities to participate as well.  AGA also recommends that NAESB include other stakeholders that may not be NAESB members, but nonetheless could provide insight into the market and industry.

* [American Biogas Council](https://americanbiogascouncil.org/)
  + Patrick Serfass - [PSERFASS@ttcorp.com](mailto:PSERFASS@ttcorp.com)
* [Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas](https://www.rngcoalition.com/) (“RNG Coalition”)
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* [Gas Technology Institute](https://www.gti.energy/) (“GTI”)
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information and please let me know if you have any questions.  Also please let me know how to register for the November 13 meeting.

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