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OPEC Spare Capacity versus Incremental Demand





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- What is RNG?
 - Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is clean, affordable methane (CH4/ natural gas) derived from the naturally occurring decomposition of organics matter, such as food waste, animal manure, wastewater sludge and trash.
 - Primary sources include agriculture (dairy, swine, poultry), municipal wastewater facilities and landfills.
 - Reliable waste-derived fuel that can be used to power homes, industry and vehicles.
 - RNG is the lowest-carbon fuel available and can often be net carbon-negative, meaning that more greenhouse gases are captured in producing the fuel than are emitted in consuming it, especially when it's used as an on-road transportation fuel.

Capturing the biogases emitted by organic wastes as they decompose, which are 50 percent to 60 percent methane, instead of venting into the air to reduce GHG emissions.

RNG is chemically similar to conventional fossil natural gas and can be used in all the same ways — cooking, heating, generating electricity, or as vehicle fuel. It slashes methane emissions from farms and turns urban organic waste streams into ultra-low-carbon energy.



- Traditional Oil & Gas and Midstream in RNG
 - Traditional oil and gas companies are investing in RNG projects, including BP, Chevron, Enbridge, Marathon, Shell and Williams.
 - Energy familiarity.
 - Significant offset to carbon footprint.
 - Extend life of assets existing natural gas distribution network can be used to deliver renewable, including hydrogen.
 - Secure source of Reformulated Fuels Standard (RFS) and Low-carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS) credits.
 - Lower Carbon Intensity (CI) energy supply for bio-diesel production and hydrogen.
 - Steam reformation source for green hydrogen.

Wide RNG adoption as a low-carbon alternative to gasoline and diesel for transportation that can not be electrified + solid case for pipeline expansion















• Economics

- Project costs include, gas rights/ feedstock, anerobic digester, gas processing and upgrading, pipeline and interconnect.
- Policies to reduce the carbon intensity of electricity and transportation fuels are the primary drivers for RNG today and growing.
 - Federal and state programs, such as the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), provide a monetary credit to RNG that is used as a transportation fuel.
 - RFS Small Refinery Waivers.
 - More state adoption of LCFS.
- Some states electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS) programs allow RNG to generate renewable energy credits (RECs) when used to produce electricity.
- Growth of voluntary RNG purchase contracts for ESG.

Sample Dairy RNG \$/ mmbtu price stack = \$3.00 brown gas + \$18.00 RFS + \$80.00 LCFS



- What to future holds
 - RNG role in Energy Transition 2.0 reliable, on-demand green energy.
 - Lots of untapped resources but challenges to make projects economically viable.
 - Project capital availability.
 - Improvements to technology efficiencies and lower cost.
 - Mobile RNG pipelines (trucking gas) and centralized interconnects.
 - RNG gas marketing to grow.
 - Voluntary RNG purchase contracts for progressive companies vs. just solar and wind

EnerCom will be hosting an RNG Panel at <u>The Oil and Gas Conference</u> on August 15-18, 2021, in Denver

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Working Interest Securitization Transactions



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Oil and Gas Financing Structure Comparisons

Structure Types	RBL	VPP	Working Interest Securitization
Structural Considerations	 Asset-backed, senior secured loan that encumbers all the borrower's oil & gas reserves (not just PDPs) Loan "renews" every six months under a borrowing base redetermination Normally a revolver with commitments by a syndicate 	 Grants the buyer a set volume of hydrocarbons per period for a specified term "True sale" asset conveyance under an ORRI carved out from lessee's working interest One-time advance Non-operating, non-expense bearing interest Producer manages assets pursuant to a production and marketing agreement Off balance sheet of seller but debt for tax purposes Difficult to add assets over time 	 SPV is conveyed a working interest in PDP reserves which secures notes The SPV pays operating expenses, which may include capex for workovers Operating expenses are senior and subject DSCR cushion Typically one-time advance, but can allow for leveraging of additional assets in the future
Risk Profile	 Hedge 50% (or more) of production on a rolling 24-month basis 	 Hedge 100% of production Producer is obligated to buy 100% of VPP volumes using a prescribed price formula ongoing proceeds from sale of VPP volumes are used to settle hedges and to pay principal and interest Catch-up mechanism whereby shortfalls in volume are made up in the following month (adjusted for commodity price and interest) 	 Hedge 75-85% of production Production revenue flows through waterfall (hedges, LOE, opex, maintenance capex, P&A, interest, amortization, ECF, reserve funding, etc.) before excess distributed to sponsor

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Collateral	 First lien on substantially all assets (including PUD assets) More focused on value of the assets 	 VPP conveyed to buyer Seller's retained interest is usually mortgaged to buyer to secure ongoing operating obligations . 	 First lien on substantially all assets within the securitization pool More focused on the offtake/hedge provider Usually PDPs only
Tenor	• 3 – 5 years	• 3 – 7 years	• 3 – 7 years (target of 5 – 7 years)
Commodity Pricing	 Bank's forward curve 	Market hedgeable price embedded in VPP price	Market hedgeable price for tenor
Financial Covenants	 Advance limited by Borrowing Base Debit/EBITDAX Current Ratio 	• None	 DSCR Rapid amortization tied to financial metrics LTV Production volume targets
Leverage (Proceeds / Asset Value)	• 65% of PDP	 65% to 80% of PDP Sized based on production and expense coverage from VPP seller's retained interest 	• Based on DSCR (typically ~65%)

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Lenders	Banks and Bank Affiliates	 Rated: Broad investor base: insurance companies, etc. (Rated); Unrated: Banks Affiliates, Specialty Finance 	 Rated: Broad investor base: insurance companies, etc. Unrated: Bank Affiliates, Specialty Finance
Credit Rating Considerations	 Structure not individually rated, ratings based on borrower's rating (to the extent borrower is rated) 	 Guidance is available as rating agencies have experience with structure Can structure into multiple tranches with higher ratings senior to subordinate tranche 	 Combine VPP based criteria with project finance analysis (potentially penalizing risk) Requires increased due diligence and focuses on operating expenses / capex costs, utilizes independent engineer's reserve report



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