

# BEP & BEPC Taxation Overview – European Investors

**BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE PARTNERS**

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We caution that the foregoing list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. The forward-looking statements represent our views as of the date of this presentation and should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date. While we anticipate that subsequent events and developments may cause our views to change, we disclaim any obligation to update the forward-looking statements, other than as required by applicable law. For further information on these known and unknown risks, please see “Risk Factors” included in our annual report on Form 20-F.

References to Brookfield Renewable are to Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. together with its subsidiary and operating entities unless the context reflects otherwise. References to BEPC are to Brookfield Renewable Corporation together with its subsidiary and operating entities unless the context reflects otherwise. All amounts are in U.S. dollars and presented on a consolidated basis unless otherwise specified.

- **Brookfield Renewable Partners LP (“BEP”)** is a Bermuda-domiciled limited partnership
  - Receives only **dividend income, capital gains and return of capital distributions** from Canadian and Bermuda based corporate subsidiaries and uses this income to fund distributions to unitholders
  - A significant portion of BEP’s distributions are eligible to be treated as nontaxable return of capital distributions
  - The effective withholding tax rate on distributions to most unitholders should be approximately **~7.5-11%<sup>1</sup>** for which a unitholder may be eligible to receive a foreign tax credit
  
- Ownership of BEP units **does not**
  - Require the filing of any U.S. tax forms including:
    - U.S. State or Federal Income Tax Filings
    - MLP related filings
    - FIRPTA related filings
  - Have the U.S. tax characteristics of a Master Limited Partnership (“MLP”)
  - Generate for U.S. tax purposes “controlled foreign corporation (“CFC”) or “passive foreign investment corporation” (“PFIC”) related filings or tax liabilities, or Unrelated Business Taxable Income (“UBTI”)

- **Brookfield Renewable Corporation (“BEPC”)** is a Canadian resident mutual fund corporation trading on the TSX and NYSE under the symbol “BEPC.TO” and “BEPC”
  - BEPC was created to provide investors with greater flexibility in how they access Brookfield Renewable’s globally diversified portfolio of high-quality renewable power assets
  - Class A shares of BEPC are structured to provide an economic return equivalent to BEP units through a traditional corporate structure
  - Each BEPC Class A share has same distribution as a BEP unit, and is exchangeable, at the shareholders option, for one BEP unit
- European shareholders are generally **not required** to file any U.S. federal or state tax returns and are not directly exposed to U.S. income tax from holding shares in BEPC
- Dividends from Canada are generally subject to **Canadian withholding tax**. For most taxable European investors, such dividends are withheld at a rate of 15%
  - **European shareholders** may be able to claim a **foreign tax credit** on their return, but this should be confirmed with an individual’s tax advisor

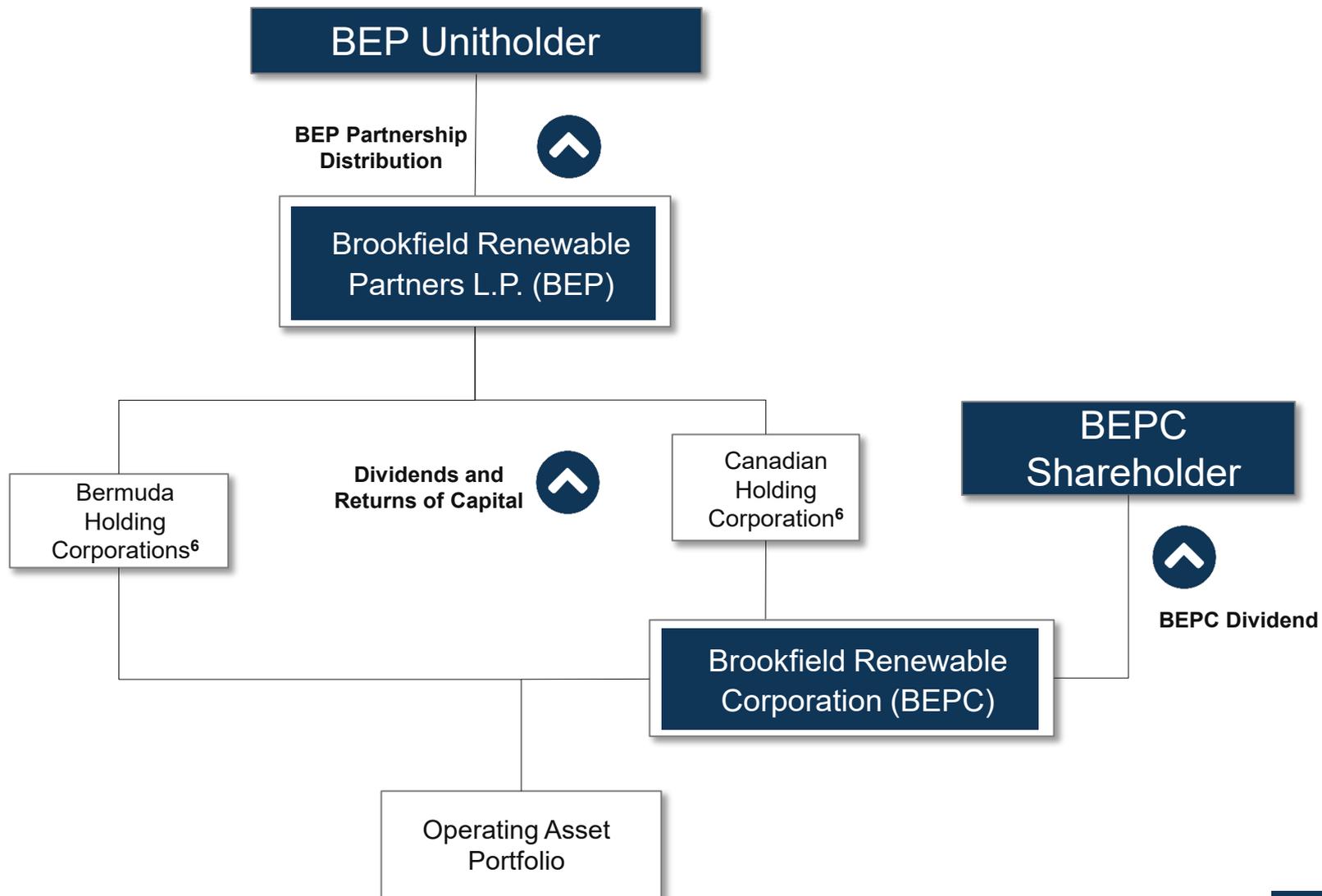
## Distribution Profile Summary – BEP and BEPC

The profile of BEP and BEPC's estimated distributions and applicable withholding taxes is as follows:

|  | BEP <sup>2</sup>            |                              | BEPC                        |                              |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Distribution % <sup>3</sup> | Withholding Tax <sup>4</sup> | Distribution % <sup>3</sup> | Withholding Tax <sup>4</sup> |
| Canadian dividend                        | 50-75%                      | 15%                          | 100%                        | 15%                          |
| Return of capital<br>(Canada or Bermuda) | 0-5%                        | 0%                           | 0%                          | 0%                           |
| Bermuda dividend                         | 20-50%                      | 0%                           | Not applicable              | Not applicable               |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>~7.5-11%<sup>5</sup></b>  | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>15%<sup>5</sup></b>       |

# Summary Organizational Chart – BEP and BEPC

BEP and BEPC distributions are paid via the cash flows outlined below:



Refer to endnotes on page 10.



# Appendix



Non-U.S. investors are not expected to be subject to U.S. tax withholding under IRC Section 1446(f) on the disposition of their units.

## Background

In May 2022, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) released an advance version of Notice 2022-23, where some publicly traded partnerships (“PTPs”), brokers or qualified intermediaries will be required to withhold 10% U.S. tax on the dispositions of PTPs by certain investors after **January 1, 2023**.

PTPs not directly engaged in a trade or business within the United States are **not captured by these requirements**.

## Impact

Due to its organization structure, **BEP is not directly engaged in a trade or business in the United States and therefore is not captured by this new rule.**

## Next Steps

BEP intends to issue **qualified notices** describing BEP as not having engaged in a U.S. trade or business, to notify brokers and others that **no withholding** applies under Section 1446(f) to transfers of limited partnership units of BEP effected through a broker.

Qualified notices will also be posted and retained on BEP’s website.

More information pertaining to Section 1446(f) may be found on BEP’s [website](#), including a [taxation overview](#) and letter from Torys LLP (BEP’s tax counsel in connection with its posting of a qualified notice within the meaning Treasury Regulations Section 1.1446-4(b)(4))

# Withholding Tax by Jurisdiction

Estimated<sup>7</sup> withholding taxes on Canadian dividends for unitholders is outlined in the table below:

| Jurisdiction   | Withholding Tax Rate on Canadian Dividends | Estimated BEP Unit Withholding Tax Rate <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------|--|--|
| United Kingdom | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Ireland        | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Switzerland    | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Netherlands    | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Norway         | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Sweden         | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| France         | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Germany        | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Italy          | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |
| Luxembourg     | 15%  | ~7.5-11%   |

Refer to endnotes on page 10.

- 1) This is based on the portion of our distribution that we expect to designate as a Canadian-source dividend for Canadian tax purposes. See slide 6 for more details. Historically, BEP distributions have also included Canadian source interest income. At present, management does not foresee interest income being included in BEP's future distributions.
- 2) BEP's dividends and returns of capital (from either Canada or Bermuda) are not subject to withholding tax.
- 3) The distribution mix may vary from year to year.
- 4) Dividends from Canada are generally subject to Canadian withholding tax of 25%. However, for taxable European investors who reside in countries that have tax treaties with Canada, the withholding tax rate is 15% (UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Netherlands). Refer to slide 9 for estimate of withholding tax by jurisdiction. Withholding tax rates may also vary for tax exempt entities.
- 5) Weighted average based on estimated distribution profile.
- 6) These holding corporations are held indirectly by Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. via its direct interest in Brookfield Renewable Energy L.P. – a Bermuda resident partnership.
- 7) Based on the distribution mix on slide 5. The distribution mix may vary from year to year.