

1 **AMPCO INTERROGATORY 1**

2 Interrogatory # 1

3 Strategic Objective #1 - Power System Planning

4 Issue 1.1

5 Is the Operating budget of \$5.79 million allocated to strategic objective # 1 reasonable and
6 appropriate?

7 Reference:

8 Exhibit A/Tab 1/Schedule 1/Page 12

9 Exhibit B/Tab 1/schedule 1/ Pages 1-3

10 The OPA states at A-1-1 page 12 that supporting the development and implementation of
11 the conservation, generation, and transmission options identified in the IPSP will continue
12 as a priority for the period 2009-2011.

13 At B-1-1 Pages 1-3, the actions to achieve strategic objective 1 are listed and supporting
14 IPSP 1 implementation is described as initiative 1.

15 Question:

- 16 a) Has the OPA specifically requested Hydro One Networks Inc. to undertake preliminary
17 project development work on IPSP projects?
- 18 b) If yes to a) please provide details of the work requested by the OPA including
19 milestones, timelines and the progress to date.
- 20 c) If no to a) does the OPA plan to request that Hydro One Networks Inc. undertake
21 preliminary project development work on IPSP projects?
- 22 d) Does the OPA have an agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. to provide
23 compensation for IPSP project development work?
- 24 e) Please comment on whether project development work undertaken at the request of the
25 OPA is transferable to a third party.
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27 RESPONSE

- 28 a) The OPA has not specifically requested Hydro One Network Inc. ("HONI") to undertake
29 preliminary project development work on IPSP projects. However, the OPA has had
30 preliminary discussions with HONI and other interested parties on a number of projects
31 in the IPSP for which the OPA has identified that development work should proceed.
32 The projects covered in the discussions include Little Jackfish/Lake Nipigon and
33 Manitoulin enablers and the reinforcements of the North-South and Toronto area

- 1 transmission. HONI has indicated their interest in pursuing the development work with
2 all the projects identified in the IPSP in their recent transmission rates application to the
3 OEB. Other parties have also expressed similar interest in select projects.
- 4 b) Please refer to OPA's response to (a) above. As there is currently no party formally
5 selected as the developer of the various projects identified in the IPSP for development
6 work, milestones, timelines and progress have not been established at this time for
7 these projects
- 8 c) The OPA is awaiting guidance in such matters as the selection of transmitters for
9 project development work from the amendments to the Transmission System Code
10 (EB-2008-0003) or OEB decisions, such as HONI's 2009/2010 Transmission Revenue
11 Requirement & Rate Application (EB-2008-0272), before actively working with the select
12 transmitters on the development projects.
- 13 d) The OPA does not have an agreement with HONI to provide compensation for IPSP
14 project development work.
- 15 e) The OPA has no comment on this matter. The OPA expects that this is a matter that
16 would be dealt with by the OEB.

1 **AMPCO INTERROGATORY 2**

2 Interrogatory # 2

3 Strategic Objective #1 - Power System Planning

4 Issue 1.1

5 Is the Operating budget of \$5.79 million allocated to strategic objective # 1 reasonable and
6 appropriate?

7 Reference:

8 Exhibit A/Tab 2/Schedule 1/Page 13

9 At A-2-1 Page 13, the OPA states that it will begin to develop the second integrated plan
10 (IPSP 2) and that IPSP 2 will reflect customer and stakeholder expectations. Prior to the
11 filing of the OPA's IPSP 1 in August 2007, the OPA conducted several consultation
12 sessions with stakeholders.

13 Question:

- 14 a) Please provide a breakdown of the activities and expenditures by stakeholder for the
15 stakeholder consultation held prior to the filing of IPSP 1 in August 2007.
- 16 b) Please provide the expected total expenditures for stakeholder consultation activities
17 prior to the filing of IPSP 2.
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19 RESPONSE

- 20 a) Funding provided to stakeholders involved in the consultation held prior to the filing of
21 IPSP 1 in August 2007 included participation in person at workshops, webinars, and
22 preparation of written submissions on any of the discussion papers.

23 Funding Guidelines developed by the OPA were posted to its website and eligibility for
24 awards was based on the same criteria as set out in the OEB's Practice Direction on
25 Cost Awards. The guidelines are found as Attachment 1 to this exhibit.

26 Of the 28 participants eligible, 18 submitted claims for their participation or submissions
27 to discussion papers and were paid according to the funding guidelines developed by
28 the OPA. The average amount paid to requesting parties was approximately \$8,300 for
29 their participation in the IPSP stakeholder consultations during the period held prior to
30 filing the IPSP in August 2007.

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Stakeholder Activity	Amounts Paid
Submissions to Discussion Papers	\$38,600
Load Forecast - webconference – September 14, 2006	\$6,000
CDM Workshop – September 26 – 28, 2006	\$44,071
CDM Summary – webconference – October 26, 2006	\$5,250
Supply & Transmission Workshop – November 22 – 24, 2006	\$53,546
Procurement – webconference – January 22, 2007	\$2,250
TOTAL	\$149,717
Average amounts paid to claimants	\$8,317

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In addition, for the seven in-person regional meetings scheduled between May and June 2007, all First Nations and Métis communities were offered funding by the OPA to cover their travel and accommodation expenses for attendance at one of the in-person sessions. The total payment made in support of these expenses as of December 31, 2007 was close to \$65,000.

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- b) Consultation activities to be undertaken in support of IPSP 2 have not been established at this point, therefore expected total expenditures are not available. The 2009 Budget incorporates \$750,000 towards the support of consultation with First Nations and Métis for the enhanced consultation activities as requested in the Ministerial Directive of September 17, 2008, which will be in addition to any general stakeholder consultation undertaken.



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IPSP Participant Funding Information



These events occurred in the past.

The funding provided will assist stakeholders to participate in the OPA's IPSP stakeholder consultation process.

The OPA is committed to engaging stakeholders across as broad a spectrum as possible, including community leaders, First Nations and Aboriginal people, the public, customers, associations, transmission and local distribution companies, generators and investors. Consultations with stakeholders are based on the principles of relevance, transparency, inclusiveness, accessibility, contribution, and disciplined and fair management.

Eligibility

1. The OPA will determine the eligibility of participants based on Sections 3 and 4, "Cost Eligibility" and "Cost Eligibility Process", of the Ontario Energy Board's "Practice Direction on Cost Awards". *(Please see Related Downloadable Files section below for a copy of this document.)*
2. The burden of establishing eligibility for a cost award is on the participant.
3. Transmitters, wholesalers, generators, distributors, and retailers of electricity, marketers of natural gas, and gas storage companies (either individually or in a group), parties with direct commercial or business interests and the Independent Electricity System Operator are not eligible for funding.
4. Staff members or representatives of municipal or provincial governments are not eligible for funding.
5. Non-residents of Ontario are not eligible.

Funding Principles

1. The OPA will fund the participation of only one representative per organization per event. The OPA must be notified in advance in the event that an alternate is to participate in a session.
2. Groups with common interests are encouraged to combine their participation or show cause as to why separate funding is justified.
3. **Participants will be notified whether they are eligible for funding on or**

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before July 25, 2006. The participant listing will be posted on our website on or before July 28, 2006.

4. Participants are requested to electronically pre-register through the OPA website for the sessions they want to attend.
5. The amount awarded to eligible participants will be a flat rate of \$1500 per day. If a session (or a participant's attendance at a session) is 4 hours or less, then a flat rate of \$750 will be awarded. Web-enabled conference attendance is considered at the half day rate. **Only sessions attended will be funded.**
6. Disbursements: Travel expenses will be allowed including reasonable meals, accommodations and related travel expenses when the participant's place of business is greater than 100 km from the meeting site. Taxi, rental car and airport limousine claims will be accepted. Air and rail travel will be limited to "economy" fare rates. Claims for single occupancy rooms at a hotel will be accepted. This does not include "luxury" hotels or suites.
7. If the OPA formally requests written submissions, the OPA will award the preparation of such a written submission at an amount to be determined at the time of the request.
8. Participants wishing to make a voluntary submission to the OPA, whether as part of a group of intervenors or not, must confirm authorization to represent the organization as requested in the Participant Funding Application Form. Voluntary submissions will not be funded.
9. Participants must use the OPA Cost Claim Forms 1 and 2 to summarize their statement of hours and any related disbursements for attending the stakeholder workshops or meetings.
10. Copies of receipts must be attached to Cost Claim Form 2 when submitting.
11. The OPA will not fund participants' consulting costs, legal costs, or honorariums.
12. The amount of funding available to eligible stakeholders participating in the IPSP was approved by the OEB in its decision dated February 13, 2006 on EB-2005-0489. Due to the maximum amount defined in the Settlement Agreement, and approved by the OEB, the OPA reserves the right to cease payment to eligible stakeholders should all funds be disbursed prior to the completion of the engagement program.

Costs Claims

1. Cost claims should be submitted within 30 days of attending stakeholder workshops or meetings.
2. Cost Claims Forms 1 and 2 can be downloaded from the OPA website (*please see below*) and submitted via fax or mailed directly to:

Ms. Patricia Gregor, Accounts Payable Clerk
Ontario Power Authority
120 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1600
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 1T1
(416) 969-6401 phone
(416) 967-1967 facsimile
patricia.gregor@powerauthority.on.ca

Contact

For questions regarding participation please contact:

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OR

Miriam Heinz
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Phone: 416-969-6045 OR

Related Content

Funding for Written Submissions on IPSP Discussion Papers

Information for funded participants on discussion paper written submissions.

Related Links

Ontario Energy Board

<http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/>

The Ontario Energy Board regulates the province's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest.

Related Downloadable Files

IPSP Cost Claims Forms

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Cost Claims forms #1, 2 and 3 updated February 5, 2007. (3 pages)



Ontario Energy Board document: "Practice Direction on Cost Awards"

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1 **AMPCO INTERROGATORY 3**

2 Interrogatory # 3

3 Strategic Objective #4 - Barriers to the Development of Economically Sustainable
4 Conservation and Supply Resources

5 Issue 4.1

6 Is the Operating Budget of \$1.031 million allocated to Strategic Objective #4 reasonable
7 and appropriate?

8 Reference:

9 Exhibit A/Tab 2/Schedule 1/Page 27

10 The OPA states at A-2-1 Page 27 that as the Global Adjustment Mechanism (GAM)
11 increases, there will be a greater need for ratepayers of all types – residential, commercial,
12 institutional and industrial – to have useful tools to manage their electricity costs. Further
13 the OPA states that it expects to work with stakeholders to develop a greater common
14 understanding of the drivers of GAM and potential ways to address its impacts.

15 Question:

- 16 a) Please provide information on how the OPA expects to work with industrial customers
17 and include a workplan and budget.
- 18 b) Please provide a summary of the incentives and outreach that is in place to encourage
19 the participation of industrial customers in the OPA's energy conservation programs and
20 include the associated costs for outreach?
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22 RESPONSE

- 23 a) Please see the response to Board Staff Interrogatory 11 at Exhibit I-1-11.
- 24 b) The OPA currently has two conservation programs in place that offer incentives to
25 industrial customers. The Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program ("ERIP") offers
26 prescriptive and custom-measure incentives to commercial and industrial facilities for
27 the retrofit of existing buildings. The OPA's suite of Demand Response initiatives
28 provides industrial customers with incentives for reducing or shifting their consumption
29 of electricity, typically during times of the year and day when electricity consumption has
30 proved to be relatively high. Information on the specific program details, including
31 incentive values, is available at:[http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/ind/programs-](http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/ind/programs-incentives-rebates.php)
32 [incentives-rebates.php](http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/ind/programs-incentives-rebates.php).

1 Both of these programs include marketing and outreach activities within their program
2 budgets, which are not included in OPA's operating budget. As is the case with all OPA
3 conservation programs, they are included within the program-specific expenditures that
4 are collected through the GAM as charges.