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OPA 2008 Fees Review

Board Staff Interrogatories to the Applicant

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1. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 1, Table 1

Please explain the mechanism and the rationale for the change in accounting treatment of the 2007 Conservation and Technology Development Funds operating expenses that resulted in \$ 2,469 Million available to offset the 2008 revenue requirements.

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2. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 2, Schedule 1, page 5, Table 4

Referring to the Table 4-OPA Full Time Equivalent ("FTE") please explain the addition of 32.9 FTEs associated with the Strategic Objective No. 2.

Indicate if the hiring has been completed and if not what plans are in place to acquire these resources. Describe types of positions in terms of contract vs. full time and indicate roles that these positions will have in activities associated with the Objective No. 2.

3. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 2, Schedule 1, pages 5-7

Please provide the rationale associated with the requirements for consulting and external legal costs allocated in 2008 budget by business objective and by business activity. Please explain the increase in the 2008 consulting and external legal requirements comparing to the 2007 budget level.

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4. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 1, lines 15-16 and Exhibit A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 2, paragraph 4

On December 20, 2007 the Board issued an Interim Fees Order that allows the OPA to collect \$0.391/MWh starting January 1, 2008. On January 12, 2008 the OPA filed an Amended Submission for Review and proposed that the OPA charge a usage fee of \$ 0.346/MWh.

In the event that the Board's review result in a fee higher or lower than \$0.391/MWh what is the OPA's proposed mechanism for adjustment with respect to difference between interim and final approved fee?

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5. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 3, Schedule 1, page 1

Please list and describe any variance and deferral accounts not included in the pre-filed evidence in 2008 OPA Fees Submission. If there are any such accounts please indicate the balances and proposed method of disposition.

6. Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 3, Schedule 1, page 5

The OPA proposed that the credit balances in 2006, 2007 and 2008 Retailer Settlement Deferral Accounts and the 2007 and 2008 Retailer Discount Settlement Deferral Accounts be disposed at a time when the balances can be final and verifiable.

For each of these OPA deferral accounts please indicate the anticipated time when the aggregate balances will be known and discuss the rationale for delaying the disposition of the deferral accounts.