

SEC Interrogatory #140

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Issue Number: 12.1

Issue: Are the effective dates for new payment amounts and riders appropriate?

Interrogatory

Please provide a full explanation for the date of filing of the Application, and all other evidence available to support the reasonableness of a January 1, 2014 effective date for the payment amounts and rate riders, rather than a date after the completion of the proceeding.

Response

In May of 2013, the OPG Board of Directors approved the 2013-15 Business Plan (Ex. A2-2-1, Attachment 1), which forms the basis of this application. Both the business plan and the application include OEB regulation of an additional 48 hydroelectric facilities. The timing of the application was primarily driven by the time required to incorporate the requisite information on the newly regulated hydroelectric facilities and by the timing of the amendment posting.

The proposed amendments to O. Reg. 53/05 prescribing the additional hydroelectric facilities were posted for public review on September 13, 2013. Immediately thereafter, OPG finalized the application and filed it on September 27, 2013 requesting payment amounts effective on January 1, 2014.