- **IMPACT STATEMENT** 1 2 3 This exhibit has been prepared to show the impact of three changes that have occurred 4 since OPG filed the March 2008 update to this application. The three changes are: 5 6 1. An update to the cost of capital to reflect current market conditions: 7 2. An update to rate base to reflect in-service additions associated with corporate group's 8 capital expenditures in 2008 - 2009 that were erroneously excluded from the test period 9 rate base, as identified in the response to interrogatory L-6-17; and 10 3. Changes to nuclear outages, specifically: 11 Changes to production and costs at Pickering A associated with rescheduling of a. 12 test period outages, as discussed in the covering letter to OPG's March 14, 2008 13 update to the pre-filed evidence. 14 b. Changes to production and costs at Pickering B associated with a recent, major, 15 unplanned outage at Unit 7. 16 17 Each of these matters is described separately below. 18 19 1. Cost of Capital 20 Kathleen McShane of Foster Associates, Inc. (Fosters) has updated her analysis to reflect 21 capital market conditions as they impact the results of the cost of equity tests performed to 22 estimate the benchmark return on equity. This update resulted in a reduction in the ROE 23 estimate from the Equity Risk Premium test and an increase in the ROE estimate from the 24 Discounted Cash Flow test and no change from the Comparable Earnings test. Based on 25 these updates, she concluded that the fair return on equity for OPG for the period April 1, 26 2008 through December 2009 remains unchanged at 10.5%. 27 28 OPG updated its forecast of interest rates to reflect current conditions. Based on this update, 29 OPG's cost of debt decreased by 0.22% in 2008 and 0.26% in 2009, resulting in a decrease 30 in test period interest expense of \$7.0M for the regulated hydroelectric facilities and \$8.3M
- 31 for the nuclear facilities.

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2 2. Corporate Capital Additions

As indicated in the response to interrogatory L-6-17, OPG erroneously omitted \$22M of inservice additions from the nuclear rate base and \$1.9M from the regulated hydroelectric rate base. These in-service additions were corporate group capital expenditures that are solely associated with the regulated facilities. These in-service additions are not factored into the asset service fees charged to the regulated business.

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9 The revenue requirement impact for the test period of these additions to rate base is an 10 increase of \$0.5M in the regulated hydroelectric revenue requirement and an increase of 11 \$4.2M in the nuclear revenue requirement.

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13 3. <u>Nuclear Outages</u>

14 a. Pickering A Outage Rescheduling

The Nuclear Integrated Generation Plan which underpinned OPG's March 14, 2008 filing included a scheduled 67 day Unit 4 outage in September 2008. In 2007, neither Unit 1 nor Unit 4 accumulated the expected planned operating hours as a result of the Inter-Station Transfer Bus ("ISTB") forced outage and an extension of a Unit 4 2006 fall outage into 2007.

20 Given the developments in 2007, OPG, after an extensive analysis, established an 21 opportunity to improve production in the test period by rescheduling the Unit 4 fall outage 22 from September 2008 to January 2009 and by rescheduling the September 2009 Unit 1 23 outage to coincide with the Vacuum Building outage in April 2010. OPG received Canadian 24 Nuclear Safety Commission approval for these scheduling changes in April 2008. While the 25 rescheduled 2009 Unit 4 outage will be slightly longer, the net result is a forecast of lower 26 planned outage days over the test period for the Pickering A station resulting in increased 27 production of 0.66 TWh and associated higher fuel costs and lower outage OM&A costs 28 resulting in a revenue requirement reduction of \$34.7M.

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30 b. Pickering B Unit 7 Forced Outage

31 On April 6, 2008, a test was carried out for the Pickering B Unit 8 planned outage. During this

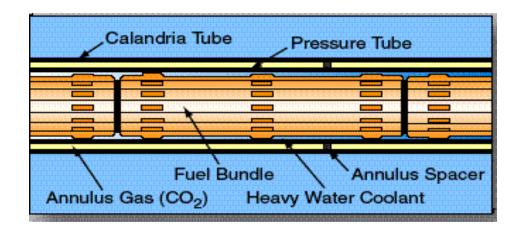
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test, Unit 7 was forced off due to a switchyard fault. Unit 7 was placed in a Guaranteed Shutdown State ("GSS") to allow repairs. While Unit 7 was in GSS, unanticipated chemical sample results were discovered. Based on OPG's operating procedures, the unit was subsequently placed in a drained GSS while the reasons for the unanticipated sample results were investigated.

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7 OPG's initial assessment has determined that the unanticipated chemical results occurred 8 due to the presence of increasing amounts of CO2 gas in the unit's heavy water moderator 9 system. C02 gas is normally contained between the calandria and pressure tubes (see 10 diagram below). The presence of this gas in the heavy water contained in the moderator 11 system is due to a leak from a calandria tube into the moderator system. While this CO2 leak 12 was first detected in 2005, a series of engineering reviews (including a third party 13 assessment) determined that the unit could safely operate until 2010, at which time a 14 calandria tube replacement had been scheduled as part of a 2010 planned outage.

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OPG is unable to restart the unit until the chemical anomaly is rectified. OPG has reviewed various options and has concluded that it will need to replace the calandria tube in the current shutdown. Based on preliminary analysis, Unit 7 is expected to be in a forced outage from April 6, 2008 to August 31, 2008. To mitigate the impact of this forced outage, OPG is currently planning to bring the majority of outage work from the planned Unit 7 fall outage forward into this forced outage, with the remainder deferred until 2010. The impact of combining the calandria tube replacement work with the fall outage scope has yet to be fully Filed: 2008-05-20 EB-2007-0905 Exhibit N Tab 1 Schedule 1 Page 4 of 4

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Given the uniqueness and complexity of this outage and the need to make major adjustments to existing plans, there is considerable uncertainty with respect to the duration of the outage. The net result of the Pickering B Unit 7 forced outage is currently estimated to be a reduction in test period production of 1.05 TWh and an increase in revenue requirement of \$29.5M associated with higher outage OM&A expense, cost of capital associated with increased capital expenditures for tooling for the calandria tube replacement, increased depreciation and reduced fuel expense.

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11 Conclusion

The three changes considered in this impact statement result in a decrease in the revenue requirement of \$15.2M and reduced production from the nuclear facilities of 390 GWh, resulting in an increase in the revenue deficiency of \$1.0M (assuming nuclear production is at the variable rate of \$41.50 as per OPG's application). Details of the impacts of the three items are presented in the attached schedule. OPG is not revising its request for payment amounts to reflect the increase in the revenue deficiency associated with these items.

Summary of Production and Revenue Requirement Impacts (\$M) <u>April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009</u>

Corporate Capital Programs	CHANGES
<u>Hydroelectric</u>	
Cost of Capital	0.1
Depreciation & Amortization	0.3
Revenue Requirement Impact	0.5
Nuclear	
Cost of Capital	1.2
Depreciation & Amortization	3.0
Revenue Requirement Impact	4.2
Pickering 4 Outage Deferral (+660 GWh)	
<u>Nuclear</u> OM&A	(27.0)
Fuel	(37.0) 2.3
Revenue Requirement Impact	(34.7)
Pickering 7 Forced Outage (-1,050 GWh)	
Nuclear	
OM&A	31.0
Fuel	(3.4)
Depreciation	1.3
Cost of Capital	0.6
Revenue Requirement Impact	29.5
Cost of Capital - Interest Rate Change	
Hydroelectric	
Cost of Capital	(7.0)
Revenue Requirement Impact	(7.0)
Nuclear ¹	(0,0)
Cost of Capital	(8.3)
Revenue Requirement Impact	(8.3)
Total Revenue Requirement Impact (\$M) ²	(15.2)
Nuclear Revenue Requirement	(8.7)
Hydroelectric Revenue Requirement	(6.5)
Total Energy Production Impact (GWh Nuclear)	(390)
Impact on Revenue Deficiency (\$M):	
Revenue Requirement Change	(15.2)
Impact of Lost Production @ \$41.50/MWh	16.2
Total Impact on Deficiency	1.0
 Includes impact of interest rate change on Bruce Lease revenues net of co. 	st.

Includes impact of interest rate change on Bruce Lease revenues net of cost.

Includes income tax on incremental net income.

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