



EB-2018-0002

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

**Application for deferral account related to nuclear liabilities,
depreciation and amortization expense
effective January 1, 2018**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING AND
PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
February 28, 2018**

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 29, 2017 under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B). The application seeks approval to establish a deferral account to record, from January 1, 2018 until the effective date of the OEB's next payment amounts order, the revenue requirement impact of changes to nuclear liabilities and depreciation and amortization expense resulting from changes to station end-of-life dates for OPG's Pickering prescribed nuclear facilities that were effective December 31, 2017.

The OEB will adopt the intervenors from the 2017-2021 payment amounts proceeding¹ as intervenors in this proceeding. A list of the intervenors of record in that proceeding is attached as Schedule A. Any party that was determined to be eligible for costs in the 2017-2021 payment amounts proceeding will be eligible for costs in this proceeding.

The application was filed in response to the OEB's 2017-2021 payment amounts proceeding Decision and Order issued on December 28, 2017 (the Decision and Order). The Decision and Order referred to previous payment amounts orders². These payment amounts orders generally set out that OPG file an accounting order application if OPG proposes to change station end-of-life for depreciation and amortization purposes, the

¹ EB-2016-0152

² EB-2012-0002 deferral and variance account payment amounts order issued on April 18, 2013 and EB-2013-0321 2014-2015 payment amounts order issued on December 18, 2014

change impacts the calculation of nuclear liabilities (other than as a result of an Ontario Nuclear Funds Agreement Reference Plan update) and revenue requirement, and the impact exceeds \$10 million. A similar deferral account was also approved in a prior OPG proceeding.³

OPG has proposed that a new deferral account be approved to record the revenue requirement impact effective January 1, 2018 until the effective date of the OEB's next nuclear payment amounts order. On January 31, 2018, the OEB approved the establishment of the new deferral account on an interim basis to allow OPG to begin booking entries in January 2018.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any information and material from OPG that is in addition to OPG's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to OPG and all other parties by **March 14, 2018**.
2. OPG shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to intervenors by **March 28, 2018**.
3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **April 11, 2018**.
4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, OPG may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to intervenors by **April 20, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0002 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal

³ EB-2015-0374 March 10, 2016 deferral account application

address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.oeb.ca/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Fiona O'Connell at Fiona.OConnell@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **February 28, 2018**

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Schedule A

To

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