Board Staff Interrogatory #206

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Reference:
Exhibit F2 / Tab 1 / Schedule 1 / Attachment 5 / pp. 8, 10

Question(s):

a) Please comment on the overall benchmarking performance of both Pickering NGS and Darlington NGS when compared to the other Canadian CANDU utilities (i.e., Bruce Power, NB Power) in those areas where comparable data is available.

b) Please further elaborate on the rationale for focusing only on North American nuclear stations for the benchmarking studies completed.

Response

a) OPG's total generating cost per megawatt-hour ("TGC/MWh") benchmarking performance is based on Electric Utility Cost Group ("EUCG") data. NB Power is not a member of EUCG. Therefore, OPG cannot comment on performance in relation to NB Power. In 2019, Bruce Power's benchmarking performance was favourable compared to OPG in respect of non-normalized TGC/MWh at the major operator level (Ex. F2-1-1, Attachment 2, p. 88).

b) OPG uses EUCG for nuclear cost benchmarking, as EUCG is a nuclear industry operating group and the recognized source for cost benchmark information (Ex. F2-1-1, Attachment 2, p. 95). The EUCG peer group is comprised of only North American nuclear stations (Ex. F2-1-1, Attachment 2, p. 97).