CCC Interrogatory #47

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Reference: Exhibit F2/T8/S1/pp. 1-5

OPG is forecasting OM&A expenses of $66 million in 2020 and $206 million for a Small Modular Reactor at the Darlington Site:

a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to Technology Developer Selection ($190 million), Licensing ($20 million) and Project Development and Oversight ($62 million);
b) Please provide a complete list of all costs incurred to date;
c) Please provide the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, and Alberta on August 12, 2020. Please describe the nature of the collaboration between the provinces;
d) Please provide all correspondence between OPG and the Province of Ontario regarding the development of SMRs;
e) Please provide all OPG internally prepared and externally prepared reports produced regarding the development of SMRs;
f) Please indicate whether OPG has undertaken any cost-benefit analysis regarding the development of SMRs. If, so please provide that analysis;
g) Please indicate what relief, if any OPG is seeking from OPG regarding the SMR project through this Application.

Response

a) OPG provided a description of the work required for the initial planning and preparation phase of developing an SMR at Darlington for information purposes (See Ex. F2-8-1). Due to the early nature of this planning work, neither an SMR proposal nor a business case has been developed. OPG is not seeking recovery of any funding for SMR development in this application. The information requested on SMR related activities will be provided in a future application when the work on them is more advanced and OPG seeks to clear any related balances in the Nuclear Development Variance Account.

   For the actual and estimated costs for preserving the option to build new nuclear at the Darlington site for 2017 to 2021 See Ex. L-F2-08-Staff-247 part b).

b) See Ex. L-F2-08-Staff-247 part b) for the actual and estimated costs for preserving the option to build new nuclear at the Darlington site for 2017 to 2021.

OPG is not seeking recovery of any funding for SMR development in this application. See Ex. L-F2-08-AMPCO-159.

c) Please see Ex. Ex. L-F2-08-Staff-248, Attachment 1. With respect to the nature of the collaboration between provinces, see Ex. L-F2-08-CCC-48(a).

d) OPG declines to provide the requested information on the basis of relevance. This interrogatory seeks information on communications with the Province of Ontario regarding SMR development that is not relevant to deciding any issue in this application. OPG is not seeking approval of funding for SMR development in this application.

e) OPG declines to provide the requested information on the basis of relevance. This interrogatory seeks reports produced regarding the development of SMRs. This question does not seek information that is relevant to any issue before the OEB in the current application. As explained Ex. L-F2-08-AMPCO-159, OPG is not seeking recovery of any funding for SMR development in this application.

f) See Ex. L-F2-08-AMPCO-152 part b).

g) See Ex. L-F2-08-SEC-133. OPG is not seeking any amounts regarding the SMR project through this Application.