Energy Probe Interrogatory #68

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References:
Exhibit H1, Tab 1 Schedule 1, Page 38; Exhibit F4, Tab 3, Schedule 1, Figures 3 and 4, Pages 10 and 11

Preamble: "The Pickering Closure Costs Deferral Account is established in accordance with Section 5.6 of O. Reg. 53/05. This account will record any employment-related costs, and non-capital costs related to third party service providers incurred by OPG that arise from any Pickering closure activities."

a) Please provide a comprehensive list of all of the specific items to be recorded in the PCCDA.

b) Please discuss the prudence measures that OPG will apply to the amounts.

c) For third part service providers please provide the criteria OPG will apply to eligibility.

d) Please provide the amounts by category recorded in the PCCDA for 2020 and 2021 YTD.

e) Please reconcile to the second reference.

Response

a) and b)

See Ex. L-F2-01-Staff-212, part c.

c) OPG will record third party service provider costs arising from Pickering closure activities, which are defined in O. Reg. 53/05, s. 0.1(1). OPG has not defined eligibility criteria for these costs beyond compliance with the requirements of O. Reg. 53/05, s. 5.6.

d) No costs were recorded in the PCCDA in 2020. During the first quarter of 2021, OPG recorded costs of approximately $0.1M in the PCCDA, related to resources working on planning activities for the Pickering downsizing.

For clarity, s. 5.6 (1) of O. Reg. 53/05 requires OPG to establish the PCCDA. The obligation was effective on the implementation of the regulation amendment related to s. 5.6 and, based on s. 5.6(2), applies whether the costs are incurred before or after a Pickering closure. OPG has included a request for the approval of this account in this proceeding only for the purposes of identifying it in the OEB's payment amounts order.

e) The costs recorded to the PCCDA to date are not of a nature that can be reconciled with the referenced figures, which present nuclear compensation and nuclear staffing in FTEs.