



Ontario Power Generation Inc.

**Application for payment amounts for the period from
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026**

**INTERIM ORDER
December 16, 2021**

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) filed an application dated December 31, 2020, with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. OPG's application seeks approval for changes in payment amounts for the output of its nuclear generating facilities in each of the five years beginning January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2026. OPG also requested approval to maintain, with no change, the base payment amount it charges for the output of its regulated hydroelectric generating facilities at the payment amount in effect December 31, 2021 for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.

The OEB issued a decision on November 15, 2021 in which it directed OPG to file a draft payment amounts order and file additional rate smoothing evidence. A schedule was established for parties to comment on the draft payment amount order and rate smoothing options, and for OPG to reply to those comments. OPG filed its reply on December 13, 2021.

The OEB will not be in a position to render a final payment amounts order before January 1, 2022. The OEB declares OPG's current payment amounts for the regulated hydroelectric and nuclear facilities interim, pending the OEB's final payment amounts order.

The OEB's understanding is that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) may be able to implement a January 1, 2022 effective date through its billing processes even if the final payment amounts order is issued after January 1, 2022.¹ It would be informative if OPG would confer with the IESO and file a letter with the OEB to indicate the latest date that a final payment amounts order could be issued, thus avoiding the need for payment amounts riders to recover any forgone revenue in 2022.

¹ The OEB notes that in OPG's 2014-2015 Payment Amounts Proceeding (EB-2013-0321), the IESO was able to implement an effective date that pre-dated the final payment amounts order date without the need for a payment amounts rider for forgone revenue.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The currently approved payment amounts for the regulated hydroelectric and nuclear facilities are declared interim as of January 1, 2022 and until such time as a final payment amounts order is issued by the OEB.

DATED at Toronto, **December 16, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Registrar