

AMPCO Clarification Questions

Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) 2024 & 2025 Incremental Revenue Requirement and Fees EB-2024-0004

February 23, 2024

Question-1

Ref: Exhibit A Tab 1 Schedule 4 Page 2

With respect to the Forecast Variance and Deferral Account (FVDA), the evidence states, the IESO projects an operating deficit of \$12.4 million in 2023 (year 1 of the three-year cycle), resulting in a FVDA balance of \$2.6 million at the end of 2023. Further, the IESO projects an operating deficit of \$12.6 million in 2024 (year 2) and \$19.9 million in 2025 (year 3) of the three-year cycle, which will lead to year-end deficit balances in the FVDA of \$10.0 million in 2024 and \$29.9 million in 2025. The principal drivers of these projected deficits are the impact from the salary and benefit increases awarded through Arbitration to the IESO's Society of United Professionals (SUP) members and the incremental work required by the Minister's letter to the IESO to support the Powering Ontario's Growth (POG) plan.

Please provide a breakdown of the deficit in each of the years split between salary and benefit increases and POG incremental work.

Question-2

Ref: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 1 Appendix Page 3-4

With respect to the Minister's Letter on Powering Ontario's Growth dated July 10, 2023, and the Appendix which includes report back dates and associated timelines, please provide the status of the reporting back for the following initiatives and discuss how the IESO resourced these initiatives:

- a) December 31, 2023: Bruce Nuclear New-Build Impact Assessment Cost Recovery Framework
- b) February 28, 2024: Second Long-Term Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP)
- c) December 31, 2023: Future Clean Electricity Fund

Question-3

Ref: Exhibit D Tab 1 Schedule 2, Attachment 1, Page 1

Ref: OEB Staff 7(a)

- a) Please recast the OM&A Business Unit Table on an FTE basis with the following columns:
2023 Approved FTEs, 2023 Actual FTEs, 2023 Incremental FTEs per Amendment, 2024
Approved FTEs, 2024 Incremental FTEs per Amendment, Revised 2024 FTEs per
Amendment, 2025 Approved FTEs, 2025 Incremental FTEs per Amendment, Revised 2025
FTEs per Amendment.
- b) Please explain the variance between 2023 Approved FTEs and 2023 Actuals.
- c) Please provide the current number of vacancies.