

BY EMAIL

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TO: Ontario Power Generation Inc.
All Participants in Consultation EB-2024-0136
All Other Interested Parties

RE: Clarification on Filing Requirements for Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) and Policy Report Retirements

On September 17, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its updated Filing Requirements for Ontario Power Generation Inc. (Filing Requirements) which apply to payment amount applications under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998. The updates were informed by a stakeholder engagement process. The OEB is issuing a clarification on the treatment of bridge year information under "Exhibit H Deferral and Variance Accounts" of the Filing Requirements.

The Filing Requirements state that for existing deferral and variance accounts (DVAs), OPG's application material should include the following:

"Continuity statements listing opening balances, transaction details including recoveries where applicable, interest rates and carrying charges, and closing balances. The schedules should reflect annualized data for the Historic and the Bridge Year."

As part of the stakeholder engagement process for updating the Filing Requirements, OPG had indicated that its DVA schedules in recent applications did not include bridge year information in alignment with the expectation that DVAs are to be cleared on the basis of audited actual, rather than forecasted, balances. As a result, OPG had proposed to delete the reference to bridge year under "Exhibit H Deferral and Variance Accounts" of the Filing Requirements. OEB notes that there was no opposition from intervenors or OEB staff on OPG's proposed approach.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OPG Filing Requirements, September 17, 2024, p.21

The OEB confirms that OPG is not required to file bridge year information as part of its DVA schedules in cases where DVAs are proposed to be cleared on the basis of audited actual information.

The OEB intends to further update the Filing Requirements, as needed, following the conclusion of OPG's next payment amounts cost-based proceeding. This clarification regarding bridge year information will be reflected, to the extent still applicable, in a future update to the Filing Requirements.

In addition, as part of the OEB's annual adjudicative policy review, the OEB has retired the Report of the Board: Incentive Rate-making for Ontario Power Generation's Prescribed Generation Assets (2013) and the Report of the Board - A Regulatory Methodology for Setting Payment Amounts for the Prescribed Generation Assets of Ontario Power Generation Inc. (2006). The matters addressed in these reports have been superseded by the guidance provided in the OEB *Handbook for Utility Rate Applications*, OEB decisions on OPG's payment amount applications, and updates to the Filing Requirements. The reports will remain accessible on the OEB's website archive for historical reference.

Yours truly,

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