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## **Delivered by Email**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2007-0905

Ontario Power Generation Draft Order for Payment Amounts for the Period April 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009

Our Client: Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario

This letter contains AMPCO's comments on the draft Rate Order prepared by OPG dated November 13, 2008. AMPCO has concerns with both the supporting documentation and with the presentation of the rate impact information.

## Additional Supporting Information Required

AMPCO has identified two related areas where insufficient information has been provided to independently verify the financial calculations OPG has made in support of its revenue requirement. Both areas relate to nuclear waste liability calculations.

In its decision, the Board allowed OPG to earn a return on unfunded nuclear liabilities associated with Pickering and Darlington and required that the return be calculated on the basis of the average accretion rate associated with those liabilities. Unfunded Bruce liabilities were to be removed from this calculation. Since the evidence tendered in this case only included the aggregated amounts of unfunded nuclear liabilities for the whole company (including Bruce), the requirements of the decision necessitate the removal of the Bruce liabilities. This separation of unfunded liabilities associated with Bruce is presented in Appendix A Tables 4b and 5b of the draft Rate Order.

In Table 4b, which relates to 2008, OPG removed a claimed Bruce amount of \$160.7 million from its total unfunded liabilities to arrive at the figure of \$1060.3 million for



Pickering and Darlington. AMPCO notes that the amount removed for Bruce is significantly less than a simple pro-rata share of the overall liabilities.

In Table 5b, which relates to 2009, OPG added \$134.8 million to the overall unfunded liabilities, apparently reflecting an over-funding associated with the Bruce liabilities.

In neither case did OPG provide any supporting documentation. OPG reports that this absence is due to the fact that this information was not adduced into evidence.

AMPCO recommends that the Board require OPG to produce additional information on the unfunded Bruce amounts in support of a final rate order, even if the information has not been tested. AMPCO intends to review this matter further in OPG's next rates case.

## **Presentation of Rate Impacts**

AMPCO supports the submissions of CME with respect to a presentation in the Rate Order of rate impacts both with and without the rate riders. If the presentation in the body of the final Rate Order includes the impacts of the riders, including the rate implementation rider, the transparency of the Board's decision would be enhanced.

## Costs

Finally, we support CME's submissions on Costs as contained in its November 20 correspondence and request that AMPCO be awarded its reasonably incurred costs in connection with our analysis of the Decision and the time and effort involved in reviewing OPG's draft Rate Order.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours very truly,

J. Mark Rodger

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