

VIA RESS and EMAIL

May 23, 2026

Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) and DNNP LP
2027-2031 Payment Amounts
Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) - Experts Attendance at Technical
Conference Reply
OEB File No. EB-2025-0297**

On May 21, 2026, the Consumers Council of Canada (CCC) filed its time estimates for the upcoming technical conference. Our letter included a request that the OEB direct OPG to present certain third-party expert witnesses at the technical conference. OPG filed a response to our request on May 22, 2026.

We maintain our request that the OEB direct OPG to present certain third-party expert witnesses at the technical conference for the reasons set out in CCC's May 21, 2026 letter. We continue to believe that the most effective and efficient process is to allow intervenors to ask their questions directly to certain third-party experts at the technical conference. CCC has specific questions for Concentric regarding its study and its responses to interrogatories, which support OPG's capital structure proposal, that are best addressed through a discussion with the expert. We note that OPG's proposal to increase the equity thickness from 45% to 52% adds about \$266 million to the aggregate 2027-2031 nuclear revenue requirement and \$49 million to the 2027 hydroelectric revenue requirement.¹ This proposal clearly has material implications for ratepayers.

¹ Extrapolated from C1-CCC-020(b), which shows the impact of a 1% reduction to equity thickness. For the hydroelectric business, the impact in each year between 2028-2031 will be larger than 2027, through the operation of the proposed C-Factor and the increase in hydroelectric rate base (See Exhibit A1, Tab 3, Schedule 2, p.18 and Exhibit I1, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Table 2).

OPG asserts that due to additional written discovery on the expert evidence that the experts should not be expected to attend the technical conference.

The additional written discovery referenced by OPG was available only to OEB staff's expert.² The purpose was to facilitate expediting the filing of OEB staff's expert evidence for the benefit of OPG. It was not a replacement for the attendance of third-party experts at the technical conference, at least with respect to the questions intervenors would have.

OPG also appears to imply that there was agreement amongst the parties that experts would not be expected to attend the technical conference. There was no agreement in this regard. We only recently became aware that OPG was not planning to make third-party experts available for questions at the technical conference. If we had known of OPG's position, or that dates for the filing of OEB staff's expert evidence could affect witness availability, we would have objected to the proposal at that time.

We can certainly be flexible with the timing of the third-party experts' appearances to address concerns regarding availability. We also have no concerns with the experts appearing virtually.

Yours truly,



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cc: All parties in EB-2025-0297

² EB-2025-0297, Procedural Order No. 2, p. 5. "OEB staff experts shall request any additional relevant information and documentation from the Applicants by written interrogatories to the OEB and served on all parties by May 1, 2026." [emphasis added]