RE: OESP Package

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I followed up on that, and they said they would get back with an update soon, so I will let you know.

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From: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
Sent: December-04-17 10:08 AM
To: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
Cc: Moore, Karen (CAB); Greenberg, Martha (CAB)
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Thanks. The did technically meet Gillian's deadline…
I haven't heard re timing for finals though

From: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
Sent: December-04-17 10:05 AM
To: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
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Hi Phil:

FYI below from Energy re urgency of OESP.

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From: Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Sent: December-04-17 10:01 AM
To: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
Cc: Chatterjee, Jeet (ENERGY); Moore, Karen (CAB)
Subject: RE: OESP Package

Hi Tim,

In response to your question, see below.

Thanks,
Martin

• The risk is low that funding expires in January – the Ministry, IESO, and OEB are following the trends in uptake and all are forecasting funds to expire for the month of February. This means that the tax base will be required in early March when accounts are settled.

• There is no longer authority for the IESO to collect charges for OESP – these powers have been repealed through legislation and through an OEB decision. Thus, if for some reason the variance account expires earlier than forecasted, and the mechanisms are not in place to use tax funds that have already been allocated for OESP, then the IESO would likely have to borrow to cover costs since it will not have a budget allocation for these costs.

• If the IESO must borrow, it will have to pay interest charges that will be invoiced to government given the intent to pay in recent OEBA provisions that have yet to be proclaimed. Considering the amount of money (currently over $12M per month), these charges would be significant, and it would be difficult to justify these charges when they could have been avoided through approval of regulatory measures.

· If we are not going to LRC on December 11, 2017, then we would need to go to the first LRC in January.

From: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
Sent: December-03-17 12:41 PM
To: Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Cc: Chatterjee, Jeet (ENERGY); Moore, Karen (CAB)
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Thanks, Martin. Do you know when you will be able to provide finals of the package?

Needing to also follow up on the previously requested information regarding the urgency of the item. You had let us know before that the variance account was likely to be depleted by February/March. Are you please able to advise on the risk that this could happen before the end of January, and then, if it were to occur before the end of January, what would happen to the program if the transition to government funding has not occurred before the account is empty? Would the program just go back onto rates temporarily, or would it no longer have a source of funds? Are there any technical or administrative issues that this would result in?

I recognize how much last minute work has gone into getting this package in the state it is currently is, so please provide answers to the above ASAP on Monday to support decision making about tracking.

Thanks again,

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From: Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Sent: December-01-17 10:25 PM
To: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
Cc: Chatterjee, Jeet (ENERGY)
Subject: OESP Package

Hi Tim,

Attached is the OESP package as it currently stands.

Attached is:

1) LRC Form
2) PRIA
3) Reg Comparison Chart
4) Regulations

Thanks,

Martin