

OFHP TB Sub - Questions from TBS

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Hi Andrew,

We have received a couple of questions from TBS on our OFHP submission. Below are the questions and our proposed responses (in red font).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Martin

- 1) In the document "OPG Accounting Considerations of Ontario Fair Hydro Plan," the conclusion indicates "OPG believes that consolidation of the Trust is supportable". Please clarify this conclusion in plain language, particularly "consolidation" as term consolidation has a particular meaning when considering the province's fiscal plan.

On April 13, 2017, the Province requested that OPG consider administering the financing associated with Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (OPHP), because of OPG's participation in the market, regulatory knowledge and the potential ability to consolidate the related financing activities.

To undertake this financing, OPG will establish a Financing Entity Trust (the SPV/Trust) to finance and administer the Global Adjustment (GA) costs through a mixture of external financing and an equity injection from the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA).

It is expected that OPG will control the SPV/Trust for accounting purposes and that its financial position and results will be "consolidated" within OPG's consolidated financial statements.

E&Y was asked to opinion on whether OPG's control of the SPV/Trust allows for "consolidation" within OPG's consolidated financial statements.

- 2) Please clarify the ask around the \$3.5M media procurement. Submission indicates \$2.5M needed in 2017-18, is the remaining \$1.0M ask to come for 2018-19, or is there some connection to the \$1M spent in 2016-17. Please clarify the specific amount and timing of the transfer(s?) from the Bulk Media Buy Program.

There is no procurement ask for 2018-19 – this request is related to the media campaign the Ministry commenced in April 2017. Below is a breakdown of the spending for the media procurement:

2016-17: \$1 million (already spent)

2017-18: \$2.5 million (campaign tracking to run for one-month starting July 2017).

The Ministry will be tracking to request a transfer from the Bulk Media Buy Program in August/September 2017.