

Public Accounts Friendly Questions

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Hi Deputy,

Below are the three friendly questions that ESP is proposing, adapted from the estimates QAs.

If you're comfortable with these, we'll include in your binder for this afternoon's meeting.

Thanks,
Hillary

Ministry of Energy – Proposed Friendly Questions :

1. To the Deputy Minister of Energy, why is keeping the financing costs of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) on the rate-base, as opposed to the tax-base appropriate?

And, why is the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) best placed to minimize the cost of the overall program from your perspective?

2. To Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), how did IESO come to the conclusion that it was acceptable to use US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) instead of Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS) for rate regulated activities?

And, is there a clause or section of PSAS that permits the use of GAAP in a given scenario ?

3. To Ontario Power Generation (OPG), can you explain what sort of external expertise OPG enlisted?

And, can you explain what counsel these experts provided with respect to the structure that has been set up and the accounting that will be used?