

Re: OESP regulation update

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Hi. Thanks for the update. Let's charge ahead with the reg. We can confirm on Thursday but no need to lose a few days.

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Subject: OESP regulation update

As a follow up to this morning's Fair Hydro Plan implementation meeting, I spoke with Brian Hewson at the OEB late this afternoon to confirm whether or not there was a need for a regulation to implement the 50%+ and new additions to the grid for the OESP by May 1st.

Brian indicated the OEB is of the view that a regulation is needed, and cited two main reasons:

1. Given that the enhancements were announced by the province as part of the Fair Hydro Plan and in the plain language reg posting, the OEB does not want to be in a position to be seen as having their independence compromised.
2. The changes to the OESP would require the OEB to issue a Decision and Order, which would in turn require the OEB to seek public input. The OEB indicated that although this could take a number of different forms, but would introduce an element of uncertainty into the process that a reg could eliminate.

Brian indicated that the Chair was part of the conversation.

Not sure if we want to confirm at the Thursday morning meeting or if we just want to pick our pens up and keep working on the reg. I think we are still on the agenda for the April 10th LRC meeting and can continue to target that date if it makes sense.

We can chat tomorrow if you would like.

Michael