

RE: Fair Hydro Exec Summary

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Sorry. One minor error in the cut and paste:

Please use this:

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1. Enable Ontario Power Generation (OPG), as Financial Services Manager (FSM) to establish and charge fees, once approved by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), for the services it provides under the OFHPA; and
2. Enable OPG, as FSM to recover "carrying costs" (i.e., fees and interest amounts) from IESO during the "inflationary cap period" from July 1, 2017 to April 30, 2021.

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Thanks Tim – yes I normally generalize to say "expected to be" until we receive the final variance memo.

Will plug it in!

Lucia

From: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
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Importance: High

Hi Lucia:

Below is the exec summary for binders. Re the statement on variance, we expect this to be accurate, but as we have seen recently, there have been some surprises last minute. What is your advice on this? We could say something like “ The proposal is expected to be consistent with Cabinet direction” instead.

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