RE: EXTERNAL - Urgent -- Electricity Rate Mitigation

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A couple of additional thoughts…below in green .

From: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL - Urgent -- Electricity Rate Mitigation

Thanks for looking at this – see my comments/questions below

From: Ken Kandeepan [mailto:Ken.Kandeepan@ofina.on.ca]
Sent: February-25-17 4:15 PM
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Hi Cindy and Nadine

John and I went through the accounting entries from OPG and have the following comments.

- OPG assumes that the Trust will collect interest revenues that are equal to its interest expense. It appears that these interest revenues will be collected from ratepayers based on the sample customer bill at the top of their sheet. – CV – We need to determine if OPG has discussed this with Energy – and it's not clear to me where the cash comes from in their entries (row 55 of OPG's model).
- The deferral amount includes the interest so that the net deferral for the ratepayer remains constant at 30%
- As a result the income statement of the Trust will present a net income of zero over the first 14 years or so during which the deferral is provided.
- Since OPG receives interest from the Trust on all three funding sources (the 51% from the external markets, 44% from the equity injection that OPG subsequently loans to the Trust and the balance 5% from OPG which it borrows externally) OPG's net interest income and its net income (all else being equal will increase by the amount of the interest attributable to the equity injection – CV – I think OPG will receive income from the Trust on only two sources – the loan resulting from the 44% equity injection from the Province to OPG and the loan resulting from the 5% from OPG itself (from its external borrowings) – so those will net out and the consolidated OPG statements will have net interest income based on difference between the income from the ratepayers and the expense for 56% of the debt. The additional interest related to 44% of the debt (in OFA) will be the final net amount against the net interest income from OPG . (NPP this is how I would also understand the model)
- That in turn, upon consolidation, will offset on a fiscal basis the increase in the Province's IOD attributable to the debt incurred to provide the equity injection.
- Presumably OPG's annual dividends will increase by the amount of the net interest revenue(0.34,1.05 and 1.78 respectively in the spreadsheet) providing the Province with a cash offset for the increase in its IOD. – CV – just to clarify – the cash dividends will be used to pay down provincial debt (NPP – would legislation have to also address the dividends as being dedicated

towards OEFC's debt incurred to finance equity injection in OPG so as not to be intermingled with ESDI, in order for the transaction overall (on its own) not to have a net fiscal impact?)

- One issue is the ability of the Trust to borrow senior debt from the markets at 5%. Presumably some sort of legislative guarantee may be required in which case the Rating agencies may include this debt with that of the Province is assessing its rating. However, that is something that can be reviewed later and with considerably more expertise by Gadi.

On this basis I would very cautiously conclude that this approach will work and there will be no net fiscal impact to the Province and OPG. Unfortunately, the Province's IOD will increase along with a key ratio such as IOD to revenues, however, that last impact should be mitigated to some extent by the BPS line by line consolidation which will increase revenues substantially.

If required, I am available for discussion over the balance of today and any time after 12.30PM tomorrow.

Let me know if you agree with my conclusions and if so I will let Gadi know to pass it on to Scott.

Thanks

Ken k

-----Original Message-----
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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL - Urgent -- Electricity Rate Mitigation

As requested, we have updated the model for OPG and Trust based on the parameters specified – bills of $100, $105, $95 over the next 3 years as outlined in your illustration. We have to add in the interest portion for reflect the recovery in your example. Also, we wanted to note that the example in your illustration is based on deferral of actual bill (not the GA amount), which is different from our understanding of how the deferral would work. But I trust the illustration is sufficient to illustrate OPG's and the Trust's accounting for your purposes.

As mentioned before, I understand that this is a simplified model, but some additional features could be added at a later date when there is sufficient certainty. For example:

o the financing model would include debt at different rates based on the tranche and the rate implicitly charged to customers would be determined based on the ultimate model and the legislation (may not be the same as the debt financing rate)

o the Trust may have embedded features which may be introduce variability into the Trust.

Alec

From: Petsche, Nadine (TBS) [mailto:Nadine.Petsche@ontario.ca]
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Cc: Kandeepan, Ken (OFA); Veinot, Cindy (TBS); LEE John -TREASURY
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Alec/John,
To help us better understand the interest impact on the Province overall, it would be helpful if you

could complete the interest related entries in the original model (attached) for OPG and OPGTrust, for the first couple of years.
Also, we wondered if could share any details on how the billing is anticipated to work (based on discussions you may have had with the Ministry of Energy).
We will monitor our emails for your response.
Thanks in advance.
Nadine

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Sorry, sent this before I attached the table.

Customer Bill

Current Yr

New Yr

0

1

2

3

Other (Non-GA components)

60

60

60

60

GA

100

100

100

100

GA Deferral

-30

-31.5

-33.1

Interest

1.5

3.1

Total Bill

160

130

130

130

From: CHENG Alec -FIN & C CTRL
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Our comments:

- We cannot verify the IESO entries, but assuming that KPMG is looking at that.

- The current proposal is to have the Trust collect revenue from customers, so the Trust should recognize revenue (which comprise of interest and other recovery amounts) before we start collecting the principal amount from the customers (i.e. before year 5) (see the table below as an illustration)

- I understand that this is a simplified model, but some additional features should be added at a later date when we have more certainty:

o the financing model would include debt at different rates based on the tranche and the rate implicitly charged to customers would be determined based on the ultimate model and the legislation (may not be the same as the debt financing rate)

o the Trust will have embedded features which will introduce other variability into the Trust

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John/Alec,

In advance of next Monday's FPC meeting, we would like to confirm our understanding of the net fiscal impact under the Electricity Rate Mitigation model as currently envisioned. Attached for your review is a model outlining the transactions and impacts as we understand them. The net impact on interest expense to OFA and the Trust appears on lines AS 40 – AS 42.

We would appreciate your comments on the attached as well as any suggestions on how to address the net fiscal impact over the term of the proposal, today if possible.

Regards,
Nadine
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