RE: Qs related to Rate Mitigation Submission

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We are not being asked to answer the questions – those are what pemd has sent to the ministry

We will need to be part of the OTB team as the answers come back for review

I also understand PEMD is working on setting up a conversation at staff level with Energy on the whole submission, possibly for Monday – will make sure nelson also gets an invite

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From: Petsche, Nadine (TBS)
Sent: February 10, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Veinot, Cindy (TBS); Graham, Helen (TBS)
Cc: Hosick, Sarah (TBS); Tam, Nelson (TBS)
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Helen/Cindy,
For the fiscal impact Q&As, please advise which items in the attached deck should be covered. The QA is intended to be high level I believe? n

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From: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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There are many pieces to this aside from GA smoothing – should be able to deal with fiscal impact on those.

From: Graham, Helen (TBS)
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To: Petsche, Nadine (TBS); Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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This is the rate mitigatn optns piece - TBd cant really approve without fiscal impact information
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From: Petsche, Nadine (TBS)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Graham, Helen (TBS); Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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Thanks Helen.
It's premature to be discussing fiscal impact at this time. N

From: Graham, Helen (TBS)
Sent: February-10-17 11:57 AM
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Just fyi

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Kathryn,

As the Rate Mitigation Plan submission comes forward for the pending February 15, 2017 combined Cabinet / TB/MBC meeting, we're going to need Energy's assistance in understanding the submission – elements of the plan, assumptions built into modelling, bill impacts, fiscal plan impacts – and tables useful for the TB/MBC Assessment Note etc. Given the timelines, we've compiled a core set of questions from the various central agencies perspectives (TBS, OFA, CO, OPCD – noting OPCD is heavily engaged directly on the item particularly the GA initiative).

We're hopeful Energy is open to a meeting and providing written responses as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance,

James

Problem Definition and Outcomes

1. While it is clear that i) Ontario ratepayers' electricity bills have risen in recent years and ii) different places have seen different changes , how can the issue that is intended to be addressed by these proposals be more precisely articulated?
2. What are the metrics/indicators that best measure the scope and depth of this issue, and what change to these indicators is expected as a result of the proposed actions?

Financial and Outputs Modeling

3. For each electricity price mitigation option tracking, what inputs/parameters are used in the models, what values are used for these inputs/parameters, and how are these values validated?
4. What are the formulas through which these inputs/parameters are used to calculate the models' outputs/projections, and how are these validated?
5. How sensitive are the models' financial and output projections to changes to the key parameters?
6. What other assumptions are needed in order for this models' to be valid, and how are they validated?

Additional Risks

7. What additional risks are there that may not be included in these models? For example, how may demand change under different scenarios of reduced ratepayer cost, and what are the risks to the models' financial and output projections as a result?

Fiscal Plan

8. For each electricity price mitigation option tracking, can the bill impact be a longside/associated with (perhaps in a table) the program's fiscal plan impact for a given year?

9. Some of the options shift program costs that were previously recovered from ratepayers to the tax base (the province's fiscal plan), for the options tracking are their implications for agencies, government business enterprises (E.g. if a particular EPM initiative intends to go with the transfer payment delivery model used for OCEB, are there fiscal plan implications for IESO (appearing through IESO's consolidation workseet)? .
10. I s it possible to put a risk band around the fiscal plan numbers?