Week of December 18 - Meeting Summaries

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Hi Deputy,

Below are summaries of briefings last week. These just cover the meetings we hadn't already provided you updates for.

Thanks,
Hillary

Energy Storage Canada Meeting:

- This meeting focused on some of ESO's concerns on the recent GA reg change. ESO had some concerns with the changes, which they discussed. These were going to be taken away and discussed later.

QRAM Update and Compliance Plans:

<u>Compliance Plans:</u>
- The OEB walked through the background, process, and decisions to date that utilities (Enbridge, EPCOR and Union) developed for their cap and trade Compliance Plans to meet their GHG obligations.
- Final rates for 2017, effective January 1, 2017, range between 3.3421 ¢/m³ and 3.3682 ¢/m³ for an average residential customer.
- For 2018, OEB denied interim rates on November 30, 2017. 2017 rates will continue until a decision is made on 2018 rates, expected July 2018.
- Included in the 2018 rate application for Enbridge was RNG rate impacts for their RNG proposal, seeking approval to initiate an RFP in January.

<u>QRAM Update:</u>
- Enbridge's January 2018 rate is increasing by $58 or 6.5% per year over the October 2017 rate
  - Driven by the removal of a credit ($27 increase), annual rate adjustments based on Enbridge's previously approved Custom IR framework ($25 increase), and an increase in commodity costs ($6 increase)
- Union's January 2018 QRAM results in a net annual bill decrease for residential customers in all three zones relative to the October.
  - Union South: rate decrease of $28.02 (3.5%)
  - Union North East: rate decrease of $5.57 (0.5%)
  - Union North West: rate decrease of $23.55 (2.4%)
- EPCOR's January QRAM is decreasing by $19.70 (2.2$)
- Enbridge and the OEB have communication ready in the event that questions are raised on the increasing rates for Enbridge that take effect January 1, 2018.

Affordability Fund Briefing:

- On December 19, 2017, the Affordability Fund Trustees and the IESO met with ENERGY to discuss AFT-HAP eligibility with the intent of getting the right level of support to customers in need as quickly as possible.
- Members of the AFT expressed concern about the IESO's proposed changes to HAP eligibility. This change would reduce the eligibly population for the AFT and impact the Trust's success in supporting

customers who are in need and the optics of the AFT potentially helping higher income households and not serving low income customers in more need.

- AFT presented options for consideration:

1. **Proceed as Designed**

Possible changes to the HAP eligibility criteria

   a. Remove OESP pre-qualification for HAP

   b. Return to prior Fair Hydro plan income levels

   c. If HAP is oversubscribed, AFT serves HAP-eligible customers

Co-serve customers in need (both HAP and AFT)

   a. Revisit Declaration of Trust

   b. Serve low-income customers within AFT and true-up with HAP after the fact

   c. HAP denials are referred to or reconciled within AFT

- The Ministry did not have interest in moving forward with option 2.

- Consideration was given to the AFT and IESO exploring option 3, the option that customers in need be co-served by both HAP and AFT. ENERGY will monitor discussions.

Next Steps:

- MO to review and provide feedback based on the above considerations sometime in early January.

OPG Darlington Unit 2 Update:

- OPG walked through the deck and explained how they are down from 24-days ahead previously, to 18 days ahead currently.
    - **Attributed to a tooling issue for the end fittings as well as the safety stand down (both resolved).**
- **MO will be organizing a series of pre-briefings ahead of Cabinet for the submission to further inform Cabinet members ahead of time and minimize any concerns that may be raised at Cabinet. MO asked OPG to prepare a short deck to support these discussions, and also would like OPG to participate in these briefings.**
- **There may be a need to revisit multi-corners ahead of TB and Cabinet to discuss the submission, MO will confirm.**

IGS Update:

- **There hasn't been any further movement with MNO. We will regroup in the new year.**
- **There was a discussion on closing on December 29, which has happened.**

OEB Modernization Briefing:

- **SNAP walked MO through the slide deck on the current work plan for the next year.**
- **MO flagged that the discussion paper should be released late June.**
- **An brief update was provided on the process for selecting a recruitment firm.**