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Michel,

There is a new element to IESO funding the financing entity's costs during the first four years that we would like your view on from an accounting perspective. Despite this being a recent ask from OPG, we are receiving pressure to provide an assessment of this new ask as soon as possible.

We understand that government is proposing changes to the Regulations under the Fair Hydro Act that would impose a "regulatory obligation" upon the IESO to pay an amount to the financing trust monthly over the first four years (the deferral period) equal to the financing charges actually incurred by the financing trust on account of interest (and not principal). Costs and taxes of the financing trust would also be included in the IESO's regulatory funding obligation. The IESO would require financing to bridge the gap between payment of this amount and recovery of the related GA amount. Either both of the interest cost and the funding receipt, or neither of them, will be counted for purposes of the true-up calculation.

The new element is that the IESO is being asked by OPG (due to a dealer/rating agency requirement to try to obtain a AAA rating) to provide security for this regulatory funding obligation in the form of a general security agreement charging all of IESO's assets, including in particular its present and future receivables and rights in relation thereto. The general security agreement will provide that on a monthly basis all receipts will be applied first by the IESO on account of the regulatory obligation.

The proposed Regulations under the Electricity Act would provide that the amounts paid are recoverable by the IESO under the GA in Section 25.33 of the Electricity Act.

By operation of the Fair Hydro rate cap, this additional GA amount will lead to an increased negative variance and will give rise to a regulatory asset, which, in the ordinary course would be Transferred to the financing trust. The purchase price payable to the IESO would retire the related financing.

Thank you,

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