

GEC Interrogatory #056

Issue Number: 6.5

Issue: Are the test period expenditures related to extended operations for Pickering appropriate?

Interrogatory

Reference:

Exhibit F2-2-3 Attachment 1, page 36 (IESO's presentation evaluating the economic case for extending Pickering's operations until 2024.)

(Note: On page 48 of OEB staff's interrogatories, OPG is asked to consult with the IESO as necessary to respond to interrogatories related to the IESO's analysis of the Pickering Extended Operations. GEC makes the same request here.)

- a. IESO states that Pickering's closure would present challenges related to the deployment of replacement supply. However, the government's 2013 Long Term Energy Directive directed OPG to plan for Pickering's closure in 2020 and potentially as early as 2017. What planning and procurement did the IESO undertake in response to the 2013 LTEP directive in order to secure adequate replacement supply to replace Pickering in 2020?
- b. What is the IESO's current plan to secure replacement supply if OPG doesn't gain approval from either the CNSC or the OEB to extend Pickering's operational life until 2024?
- c. In light of the province's "Conservation First" policy, did the IESO's cost analysis of Pickering's extended operations consider the additional cost effective conservation potential outlined in its June 2016 "Achievable Potential Study: Short Term Analysis" and how cancellation of the continued operations could affect conservation potential? If so, please provide details.

Response

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