

May 24, 2024

Nancy Marconi, Registrar  
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: THESL EB-2023-0195 – Reply Expert Evidence**

This letter is regarding the expert evidence recently provided by OEB Staff's expert, Pacific Economics Group ("PEG"), and the delivery of reply evidence to it.

PEG delivered two reports -- a rate framework report in response to the report of ScottMadden, and an econometric benchmarking report in response to the Clearspring report -- and PEG has now provided interrogatory responses on those reports, the responses on the latter report were just delivered on May 23. In PEG's two reports and accompanying interrogatory responses, PEG has raised various new issues and referred to and relied on new analyses and research it has conducted in this matter (which were not previously disclosed).

As a result, ScottMadden has prepared and Clearspring is in the process of preparing brief reply reports in response to these new issues and analyses/research raised by PEG. These have been prepared as quickly as possible in the circumstances, following the delivery of PEG's interrogatory responses. We are able to provide the intervenors and OEB staff with the ScottMadden reply now, as an accompaniment to this letter, and this is being provided without prejudice to Toronto Hydro's position regarding the propriety of portions of the PEG rate framework report and right to subsequently challenge it if need be. In respect of the Clearspring reply, we are aiming to be in position to provide it on Monday, the 27th. We wanted to ensure the parties and OEB have these reply reports far in advance of any hearing in this matter, and also in connection with the settlement conference discussions that will be occurring next week.

Yours truly,



Arlen K. Sternberg

Cc: all parties