2017/18 & 2018/19 ELECTRIC GENERAL RATE APPLICATION

Question from PUB Counsel #3 (email dated December 8, 2017)

Please reconcile the various DSM costs for 2017/18 and 2018/19 that are shown at PUB 42-4 page 80 ($66M and $111M), page 83 ($56.8M and $101.1M), page 84 ($71.8M for 2017/18 only).

Response:

The forecast DSM costs of $66 M for 2017/18 shown at PUB 42-4 page 80 represents electric and natural gas DSM capital spending from the 2017/18 Power Smart Plan. The forecast DSM costs for 2018/19 of $111 M that are shown at PUB 42-4 page 80 represents electric and natural gas capital spending from MH16.

The forecast DSM costs for 2017/18 of $56.8 M shown at PUB 42-4 page 83 presents only the electric capital and operating spending from the 2017/18 Power Smart Plan along with the planned expenditures under the Affordable Energy Fund to support electric initiatives. The forecast DSM costs for 2018/19 of $101.1 M that are shown at PUB 42-4 page 83 presents only electric capital and operating spending from MH16.

The forecast DSM costs of $71.8 M (2017/18 only) shown at PUB 42-4 page 84 include the electric and natural gas capital and operating spending along with the planned investments associated with the Affordable Energy Fund and Natural Gas Furnace Replacement initiative for the 2017/18 fiscal year as outlined under the 2017/18 Power Smart plan developed in consultation with the Province. The $71.8 M also includes an additional utility investment of approximately $1.5 million dollars planned to support a load displacement project that was subsequently included in the final 2017/18 Power Smart Plan report.