



Quarterly Financial Report
For the quarter ended September 30, 2018

Statement outlining results, risks and significant changes in operations, personnel and program

Introduction

The quarterly financial report for the National Energy Board (NEB or Board):

- should be read in conjunction with Main Estimates;
- has been prepared by management as required by [Section 65.1 of the Financial Administration Act \(FAA\)](#) and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board (TB); and
- has not been subject to an external audit or review.

A summary description of the NEB's core responsibilities can be found in [Part II of the Main Estimates](#).

The NEB receives its funding through annual Parliamentary authorities. The majority of expenditures are subsequently recovered from the companies regulated by the NEB and the funds are deposited in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Government of Canada.

Basis of Presentation

The quarterly financial report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes the National Energy Board's spending authorities granted by Parliament and those used by the department, consistent with the Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the 2018-19 fiscal year. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework designed to meet financial information needs with respect to the use of spending authorities.

The authority of Parliament is required before moneys can be spent by the Government. Approvals are given in the form of annually approved limits through appropriation acts or through legislation in the form of statutory spending authority for specific purposes.

When Parliament is dissolved for the purpose of a general election, section 30 of the *Financial Administration Act* authorizes the Governor General, under certain conditions, to issue a special warrant authorizing the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. A special warrant is deemed to be an appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is issued.



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The National Energy Board uses the full accrual method of accounting to prepare and present its annual departmental financial statements that are part of the departmental performance reporting process. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis.

Highlights of the Fiscal Quarter and the Fiscal Year to Date Results

Planned expenditures analysis

As reflected in the [Statement of Authorities](#), the department's planned expenditures in the fiscal year as at March 31, 2019 is \$79.07 million (M), as compared to \$89.47 M as at March 31, 2018. The decrease of \$10.40 M is primarily due to:

- a decrease of \$3.29 M related to Budget 2014 Energy East Program funding sun setting;
- a decrease of \$4.67 M related to Budget 2016 Interim Strategy on Pipelines Program funding sun setting;
- a decrease of \$1.00 M related to Budget 2015 Energy Transportation Infrastructure;
- a decrease of \$0.70 M related to Budget 2014 Imperial Oil program funding sunsetting;
- a decrease of \$0.62 M primarily related to the rate reduction for Employee Benefit Plan;
- a decrease of \$2.22 M related to Operating Budget Carry forward and offset by
- an increase of \$2.1 M related to Budget 2017 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee.

Actual expenditures analysis

As reflected in the [Departmental Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object](#), the department's actual expenditures in the first two quarter of this fiscal year are \$42.05 M, as compared to \$43.22 M same period last year. The decrease of \$1.17 M in actual expenditures is due to

- an increase of \$0.25 M in transportation and communications mainly due to increased relocation and hearing related travel;
- an increase of \$0.88 M mainly in professional services mainly due to data visualization and process documentation projects;
- an increase of \$0.34 M in transfer payments mainly due to the Manitoba Hydro MB-MN Transmission project;



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- a net decrease of \$0.60 M in acquisition of machinery and equipment mainly due to purchasing a server in 2017-18 and
- a temporary decrease of 2.04 M in personnel costs mainly due to the timing of processing transactions.

Risks and Uncertainties

Due to the nature of its mandate, the NEB's expenditures are influenced by planned and unplanned events (internal and external) that create uncertainty in expenditure and resource pressures. The NEB's responsibilities are not only shaped by emerging energy trends, but also by the proactive consideration of safety, environmental, societal and economic trends that may influence the NEB's ability to carry out its responsibilities in the Canadian public interest.

Significant Changes in Relation to Operations, Personnel and Programs

The NEB was an early adopter of the Departmental Results Framework under the TB Policy on Results in 2017-18, which changed the way we assess our performance. The NEB has developed more clearly defined programs, activities and initiatives to establish a baseline for performance measurement.

During the first quarter of 2018-19, National Energy Board's Chief Operating Officer (COO) retired from the Public Services effective June 26, 2018 and was not replaced.

A new business unit was established called Data & Information Management in quarter one 2018-19.

As part of the NEB modernization review, on 20 June 2018, Bill C-69, An Act to enact the *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*, to amend the *Navigation Protection Act* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, passed third reading in the House of Commons, and the Bill is now with the Senate for its consideration.

The Bill proposes repealing the *National Energy Board Act*, resulting in the NEB's dissolution and enacting the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*. All assets, liabilities and unexpended appropriations of the NEB will be transferred to the Canadian Energy Regulator on the date the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* comes into force.



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STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES
(unaudited)

(in thousands of dollars)

	Fiscal year 2018-2019			Fiscal year 2017-2018		
	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2019*	Expended during the quarter ended September 30, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2018*	Expended during the quarter ended September 30, 2017	Year to date used at quarter-end
Operating expenditures	71,308	19,330	38,168	81,203	36,024	39,542
Contributions to employee benefit plans	7,766	1,941	3,883	8,268	1,840	3,680
Total Budgetary authorities	79,074	21,271	42,051	89,471	37,864	43,222
Non-budgetary authorities						
Total authorities	79,074	21,271	42,051	89,471	37,864	43,222

More information is available in the attached table.

* Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.



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DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES BY STANDARD OBJECT (unaudited)

<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Fiscal year 2018-2019			Fiscal year 2017-2018		
	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2019	Expended during the quarter ended September 30, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2018	Expended during the quarter ended September 30, 2017	Year to date used at quarter-end
Expenditures:						
Personnel	58,855	17,008	33,820	59,685	32,506	35,890
Transportation and communications	3,073	705	1,440	4,442	940	1,188
Information	196	8	138	506	62	81
Professional and special services	12,190	2,710	5,048	16,136	3,417	4,302
Rentals	474	103	235	809	100	105
Repair and maintenance	1,187	183	610	607	460	538
Utilities, materials and supplies	372	39	87	506	90	145
Acquisition of land, buildings and works	-	-	-	-	50	50
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	1,363	34	84	1,416	165	685
Transfer payments	1,364	456	563	5,364	67	227
Public debt charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other subsidies and payments	-	25	26	-	7	11
Total gross budgetary expenditures	79,074	21,271	42,051	89,471	37,864	43,222
Less						
Total Revenues netted against expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net budgetary expenditures	79,074	21,271	42,051	89,471	37,864	43,222