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To: All Rate-regulated Licensed Electricity Distributors All Rate-regulated Licensed Transmitters The Independent Electricity System Operator The Ontario Power Authority All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2011-0043 All Other Interested Parties

# RE: Regional Infrastructure Planning – Establishing the Standing Committee Board File Number: EB-2011-0043

## **Selection of Regional Planning Standing Committee Members**

By letter dated <u>July 25, 2014</u>, (the "July Letter") notice was given of the Board's intention to establish a Regional Planning Standing Committee (the "Standing Committee") to provide the Board with on-going assistance related to the implementation and maintenance of the regional planning process. The July Letter also invited nominations for membership on the Standing Committee, noting that the membership would reflect a balanced representation of interested parties.

The Board received 19 nominations for the Standing Committee, and thanks all stakeholders that expressed an interest in membership on the Committee. Due to the number of nominations received, it is not possible to accommodate all interested participants. Twelve participants have been selected to achieve an appropriate balance of representation while maintaining the size of the Standing Committee at a level that will optimize its efficiency. In making this selection, Board staff reviewed each nomination against the selection criteria set out in Appendix A of the July Letter. Membership on the Standing Committee is for a period of one year.

The participants selected for the Standing Committee are listed below:

Organization	Representation
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Transmission)	Regional Infrastructure Planning Lead
Ontario Power Authority	Integrated Regional Resource Planning Lead*
IESO	System Operator*
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	Distributors
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	Distributors
Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc.	Distributors
Electricity Distributors Association	Distributors
Enbridge Gas Distribution	Gas Sector
Association of Power Producers of Ontario	Generators
Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Municipalities
Ray E. Quinn	Northern Region
Counselor Iain Angus, City of Thunder Bay	Northern Region

Following the merger between the Ontario Power Authority and the IESO, the expectation is that the merged entity will provide two members for the Standing Committee for the foreseeable future, one with expertise in planning and the other with expertise in system operations. This approach may be revisited at a later date.

Board staff will hold the inaugural meeting of the Standing Committee this month. It is expected that the Standing Committee will initially meet monthly for three months. Then going forward the members will meet, on a quarterly basis, or more frequently to address any emerging issues. All meeting materials as well as materials prepared by the Standing Committee will be posted on the Board's dedicated <u>Regional Planning Standing</u> <u>Committee (RPSC)</u> webpage to allow stakeholders to follow the Committee's activities.

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## **COST AWARDS**

Cost award eligibility in relation to participation on the Standing Committee will be addressed by separate correspondence to be issued in the near future.

Any questions regarding the work of the Standing Committee should be directed to Ashley Hayle at <u>Ashleydawn.hayle@onatrioenergyboard.ca</u> or at 416-440-7721. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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