



BY E-MAIL

November 26, 2019

To: DER Connections Working Group Members

Re: DER Connections Review Working Group Meeting on December 4, 2019

On November 18, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) that set out the plan to engage a working group to develop recommendations for addressing the issues identified by stakeholders in regards to the connection of distributed energy resources (DER). In the letter, OEB staff identified that the first Working Group meeting would be held on December 4th, 2019. The purpose of this letter is to provide stakeholders with further details about the working group, the plans for the initial meeting and logistics for the meeting.

Scope:

As discussed in the November 18 letter, the Working Group will focus on the connection process, timelines, technical requirements and cost related issues. The goal is to provide clarity on connection rules with respect to process timelines, costs, and technical requirements in order to streamline the connection of DERs through a consistent standardized approach by electricity distributors in Ontario.

Within the scope of this initiative are the review of regulatory rules associated with the connection timeframes, process and technical requirements for generation and storage DERs. Issues related to the benefits of DER integration are outside the scope of this review and will be addressed in the [EB-2018-0288 Responding to Distributed Energy Resources \(DERs\)](#) consultation.

The objective for the Working Group is to provide a set of recommendations for consideration by the OEB which may include providing guidance to the industry or amendments to the Distribution System Code.

First DER Connections Review Working Group Meeting

Date: December 4, 2019
Location: 25th Floor ADR Room, OEB offices at 2300 Yonge Street in Toronto
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 pm

We anticipate that at the first meeting, the working group will confirm the focus for subsequent meetings and decide on a governance approach that will enable the development of recommended actions for consideration by the industry and the OEB. Given the emphasis that stakeholders put on need for clarity of terminology in any discussion of solutions, OEB staff would like to start the work of developing clear definitions for the connections process at the first meeting. In order to support the further work of the Working Group and any sub-groups, OEB staff is also suggesting a second meeting in December and will discuss this with the Working Group.

The OEB wishes to acknowledge the many organizations that have, in response to the November 18, 2019 letter, expressed interest in participating in the Working Group. Due to limited space and the desire to ensure a balanced discussion among all the differing views, we are requesting that each organization identify one representative to attend the Working Group meetings in person. Each organization is also encouraged to have the same individual attend all of the Working Group meetings. Accommodation will be made for any additional observers to join the meeting via conference call.

OEB staff will be provide a proposed agenda and conference call details closer to the meeting date.

Questions about the DER Connections Review initiative should be directed to Catherine Ethier at Catherine.Ethier@oeb.ca or at 416-544-5155.

Yours truly,

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