

BY EMAIL

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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG)
Municipal Information Document – Improving the Electricity Planning
Process in Ontario: Enhanced Coordination between Municipalities and
Entities in the Electricity Sector
Regional Planning Process Review (EB-2020-0176)**

On December 20, 2021, the RPPAG provided its [Report to the OEB](#) with recommendations to improve the regional planning process in Ontario's electricity sector, for the OEB's consideration. The OEB then issued a letter on April 28, 2022 ([April 2022 letter](#)) with its response to those recommendations.

In the April 2022 letter, the OEB indicated there were essentially two types of recommendations. Those that would require the OEB to take action and others that require some form of action by the RPPAG. The OEB further noted that it had endorsed all the recommendations that require the RPPAG to take action.

The recommendations requiring action by the RPPAG included the following:

- Educate municipalities on the importance of providing information in their municipal energy plan (MEP) that indicates how the MEP goals will be achieved, with a focus on those that include goals (e.g., net zero) which local distribution companies (LDCs) cannot translate into load forecasts used in the regional planning process without that necessary information; and
- Produce a brief document that includes a list of the specific information that LDCs need from municipalities to increase planning process efficiency and consistency, thereby improving the accuracy of their load forecasts.

The Municipal Information Document -- *Improving the Electricity Planning Process in Ontario: Enhanced Coordination between Municipalities and*

Entities in the Electricity Sector – was prepared by the Municipal subgroup¹ and subsequently reviewed and adopted by the RPPAG. It includes the list of information that LDCs need from municipalities as discussed in the recommendation above.

The RPPAG previously completed and submitted the [Load Forecast Guideline for Ontario](#) to improve forecast *consistency* among the IESO, LDCs and transmitters. The RPPAG believes this document will complement the Load Forecast Guideline because one of the LDC forecast inputs is MEPs and this document is intended to facilitate the ability of LDCs to translate MEPs into their load forecasts and, in doing so, improve forecast *accuracy*.

The RPPAG's intent is that this document also become one of the tools for improving coordination and two-way conversations between entities in the electricity sector (i.e., LDCs, IESO, transmitters) and municipalities.

Please find attached the RPPAG's Municipal Information Document.

Yours truly,

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group

Attachment: Municipal Information Document – Improving the Electricity Planning Process in Ontario: Enhanced Coordination between Municipalities and Entities in the Electricity Sector

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¹ The Municipal subgroup consisted of members from the following organizations: Alectra Utilities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Common Voice Northwest, Elexicon Energy, Enbridge, Hydro One, IESO, London Hydro, Non-Wires Solution Group, Pollution Probe, Toronto Hydro.