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August 16, 2024

To: All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Generators
All Licensed Electricity Storage Companies
All Other Interested Parties

Re: EB-2024-0126 Transmission Connections Review Working Group

On July 19, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) requesting nominations for a working group that will provide input on Transmission System Code (TSC) connections-related issues for the OEB's consideration. An initial issues list setting out two streams of issues was attached to the letter, with Stream 1 issues being related to integrating resources, and Stream 2 issues being related to cost allocation policies for new or modified transmission connections. This letter confirms the working group members and provides details, including cost eligibility, for the first working group meeting that will focus on Stream 2 issues, which will be held on August 26th.

Working Group Members

The OEB received working group nominations from 19 entities. The OEB appreciates the level of stakeholder interest, and all nominations have been accepted. Appendix A to this letter provides a list of Transmission Connections Review Working Group members. Each member has been listed as participating in either Stream 1 or Stream 2 or both, based on their organization's response to the call for nominations.

August 26th Meeting Details

The focus of the first Working Group meeting will be Stream 2 (cost allocation) issues. The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: August 26, 2024
Location: MS Teams (invite will be emailed to working group members)
Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Attendees should be prepared to discuss the Stream 2 issues. In addition to specific considerations and options to address the issues, this discussion could cover prioritization and additional information requirements. Working group discussions may result in issues being added to the issues list. A high-level agenda for the meeting is attached to this letter as Appendix B.

OEB staff will schedule a meeting to discuss the Stream 1 (integrating resources) issues in the near future. Going forward, OEB staff will communicate with working group members by email. Working group records will be posted on the OEB's [Engage with Us](#) web page.

Cost Eligibility

On August 6, 2024, the OEB issued a [Decision](#) on cost eligibility for participation in the Transmission Connections Review. The OEB reminds participants that only eligible participants can claim costs for working group participation. The maximum number of cost eligible hours per participant to prepare for, attend and report on working group meetings is up to 1.5 times the meeting duration.

Questions about the Transmission Connections Review should be directed to Tayyab Chaudhry at Tayyab.Chaudhry@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Transmission Connections Working Group Members
Appendix B – August 26th Working Group Meeting Agenda

Appendix A

Transmission Connections Working Group Members

#	Name	Organization	Stream 1	Stream 2
1	Michael Brophy	Pollution Probe	✓	✓
2	Gagan Gill	Kingston Hydro Corporation	✓	
3	Jason Savulak	Hydro One Networks Inc.	✓	
4	Hatem Osman			✓
5	Paul Luukkonen	Enbridge	✓	✓
6	Chris White	ERTH Corporation		✓
7	Deqa Egal	Independent Electric System Operator	✓	✓
8	Colin Anderson	Association of Power Producers of Ontario	✓	✓
9	Mark Rubenstein	School Energy Coalition		✓
10	Robert Otal	Elexicon Energy	✓	✓
11	Jason Suppes	Hubbel Power Systems	✓	✓
12	Tom Ladanyi	Energy Probe	✓	✓
13	Larry Herod	Energy Storage Canada	✓	✓
14	Chris Codd	Versorium Smart Energy	✓	✓
15	Travis Lusney	Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), Energy Storage Canada (ESC), and the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA), jointly referred to as REASCWA	✓	
16	Roy Hrab			✓
17	Colm Boyle	PUC Service Inc.		✓
18	Shelley Grice	Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario	✓	
19	Dan Gopic	Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.		✓

Appendix B

Stream 2 Meeting Agenda August 26, 2024, 1:30 pm

1	Welcome and Introductions	All Participants	20 minutes
2	Overview of the Transmission Connections Review and Initial Issues List	OEB Staff	40 minutes
3	Participant Comments and Discussion on Stream 2 Issues:	All Participants	75 minutes
	a. i. Whether section 6.3.5 of the TSC should be strengthened to provide greater clarity about the circumstances and methodology for allocating network costs.		
	b. i. Whether the OEB's risk assessment methodology, which is set out in Appendix 4 of the TSC, needs to be updated.		
	ii. Whether and how additional factors that reduce the risk for some load customers should be included.		
	iii. Whether economic evaluation periods for low-risk customers should be extended beyond the existing 20 years.		
	c. i. Whether capital contribution payment options should be developed for load customers and, if so, what would be the appropriate criteria, terms, and risk mitigations.		
4	Wrap-up and Plan for Future Meetings	All Participants	15 minutes