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To: All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
All Licensed Electricity Distributors

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

All Other Interested Parties

Re: Streamlining Transmission Connections (EB-2025-0216)

What You Need to Know

- The OEB has established the Streamlining Transmission Connections Working Group (STC WG) to support the development of recommendations in response to the Minister of Energy and Mines' Integrated Energy Plan Directive to review the transmitter connection procedures
- The review will assess the reasonableness and timeliness of transmitter connection procedures and recommend changes that will streamline connections for load customers, make the process more efficient, and reduce overall connection timelines.
- STC WG meetings commenced on September 23, 2025, with all materials posted on the OEB's Engage with Us website. Stakeholders are encouraged to follow updates and submit comments as the initiative progresses.

On July 31, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> informing stakeholders about the launch of a comprehensive review of electricity transmitter processes and requirements for connecting load customers. The OEB is providing stakeholders with information regarding the recently established Streamlining Transmission Connections Working Group (STC WG) that will support OEB staff in undertaking this initiative.

As part of this review, which supports the Minister of Energy and Mines' <u>Integrated</u> <u>Energy Plan (IEP) Directive</u>, the OEB has completed the following deliverables:

- Collected written input about the transmission connection process from industry participants, including load customers and associations of load customers
- Hosted a virtual Streamlining Transmission Connections Forum on August 27, 2025
- Established the STC WG, made up of load customers, transmitter and IESO representatives

The STC WG

The STC WG, comprising five members as listed in Appendix A, will advise the OEB on recommendations to streamline the transmission connection process. OEB staff will communicate directly with STC WG members regarding the date and proposed agenda for the first and subsequent meetings.

All STC WG materials will be posted on the OEB's <u>Engage with Us</u> website, allowing stakeholders to stay informed about the discussions taking place. Stakeholders may also submit comments on the materials to OEB staff assigned to this initiative.

The OEB thanks the STC WG members for accepting its invitation to participate in the STC WG.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Raveen Gunaratnarajah, Advisor, Transmission Policy & Compliance at Raveen.Gunaratnarajah@oeb.ca. You may also contact the OEB via our toll-free number: 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Attachment: Appendix A – Streamlining Transmission Connections Working Group Members

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- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.
- Red Jar Energy Partners