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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Generators
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
The Independent Electricity System Operator
All Natural Gas Distributors
All Other Interested Parties

Re: Regional and Bulk Planning Process Review (EB-2025-0248)

What You Need to Know

- **OEB is announcing the members of the Regional and Bulk Planning Process Advisory Group**
- **The members have been selected based on stakeholder nominations received in response to the OEB's August 29th call for expressions of interest.**
- **The members will be contacted by OEB staff with meeting details, and all materials will be posted publicly for broader stakeholder engagement.**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is providing stakeholders with information regarding membership of the newly established Regional and Bulk Planning Process Advisory Group (RBPPAG). This letter also addresses matters related to cost award eligibility.

On August 29, 2025, the OEB issued a [letter](#) (August 29th letter) launching a review of the regional and bulk planning processes in response to the Ministry of Energy and Mines' [Integrated Energy Plan](#) (IEP) Directive (Directive).

The August 29th letter stated that the OEB will establish an advisory group to assist the OEB in identifying opportunities for enhancing the regional and bulk planning processes. The letter also called for expressions of interest from stakeholders interested in serving on the advisory group. The OEB thanks all stakeholders who responded for their interest.

The OEB received expressions of interest from 30 entities reflecting a cross-section of stakeholders including consumer groups, electricity distributors, a gas distributor, Ontario's electricity system operator, transmitters, non-government organizations, and large and small resource suppliers.

Not all interested stakeholders have been selected to be part of the advisory group. As described in the August 29th letter, the selected advisory group balances input from planning participants with perspectives from broader stakeholders and is sized for effective collaboration. The list of members is set out in Appendix A. OEB staff will communicate directly with the members regarding the date and proposed agenda for the first meeting of the RBPPAG.

As indicated in the August 29th letter, all advisory group materials will be posted on the OEB's [engagement webpage](#) to ensure transparency and provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to follow the group's progress. Stakeholders may also submit comments on the materials to OEB staff.

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB has made provision for cost awards to be available under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for eligible parties' participation in the consultation. The following three entities requested cost award eligibility:

- School Energy Coalition
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario

As noted in the August 29th letter, cost awards will be available to eligible RBPPAG members to a maximum of actual meeting time plus 1.5 times the actual meeting time for preparation and reporting per eligible participant.

Any questions related to this letter should be directed to Mansi Modi, Sr. Advisor, Transmission Policy & Compliance at Mansi.Modi@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Attachment:

Appendix A – RBPPAG Members

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- Alectra
- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada
- Electricity Distributors Association
- Elexicon Energy
- Enbridge Gas
- ENWIN
- First Nations Major Projects Coalition
- Hydro One Distribution
- Hydro One Transmission
- Hydro Ottawa
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Ontario Energy Association
- Ontario Power Generation
- Regional and Single Tier Planning Leaders of Ontario
- Regional Municipality of Durham
- School Energy Coalition
- Sussex Strategy Group
- Toronto Hydro Electric System Limited
- Versorium Energy