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To: All Registered Participants in EB-2025-0227 (Gas-Electric Co-ordination and Information Sharing)

Re: Gas-Electric Co-ordination and Information Sharing (EB-2025-0227) Forum Meetings

What You Need to Know

- The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold monthly gas-electric co-ordination information sharing forum meetings and Indigenous pre-engagement meetings.
- Consistent with the OEB's Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) Directive, these meetings support the OEB's consultation to establish a framework that facilitates the ongoing sharing of gas-electric planning information in support of energy planning processes.
- All registered participants are invited to participate in these meetings, with the next meeting scheduled for April 2026.

On December 4, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [letter](#) to initiate a consultation on gas-electric co-ordination and information sharing. This consultation responds to the OEB's IEP Directive, which calls for the establishment of an ongoing gas-electric co-ordination forum to:

- Set expectations for gas-electric information sharing.
- Facilitate the sharing of technical information to support energy planning processes in the short term.

- Establish the use of consistent assumptions and scenarios in the medium term.

Enhancing co-ordination between energy planners will help ensure energy planning remains responsive to economic growth across the province and supportive of affordability.

The OEB will report back to the Minister of Energy and Mines on progress, outcomes and modelling best practices by September 30, 2026.

Background

Electricity distributors and transmitters and natural gas distributors each develop discrete system plans to inform their investment proposals. These plans are filed as evidence to support utilities' applications to the OEB. The OEB considers these plans in its decision-making to better understand the rationale and assess the prudence, among other objectives, of utilities' proposed investments for energy infrastructure.

Electricity and natural gas planning have primarily occurred in isolation in Ontario. However, there are increasing interplays between electricity and natural gas. Therefore, improved information sharing and co-ordination is needed to help avoid underbuilding or overbuilding electricity and natural gas infrastructure.

This consultation will inform the OEB in setting a framework to facilitate information sharing and co-ordination. As part of this consultation, the OEB has:

- Issued a [Staff Discussion Paper](#) on Gas-Electric Co-ordination Information Sharing on December 17, 2025, inviting feedback on the design of a gas-electric information sharing framework.
- Issued an additional [letter](#) on December 19, 2025, inviting Indigenous communities to participate in additional engagement activities.
- Issued a [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) on January 20, 2026.
- Convened a forum meeting on January 27, 2026, to discuss the OEB's discussion paper and respond to stakeholder and Indigenous communities' comments and questions.
- Received written submissions from stakeholders and Indigenous communities. Written submissions were due on February 17, 2026, and are available on the OEB's [website](#).

Invitation to Participate

The OEB will hold gas-electric co-ordination information sharing forum meetings on the following dates.

1. First meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 1PM – 3:30PM.
2. Second meeting: Approximately one month after the first meeting.
3. Third meeting: Approximately one month after the second meeting.

An Indigenous pre-engagement meeting will be held approximately one week before each forum meeting, and input from Indigenous communities will be incorporated into the forum discussions where appropriate.

Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. Registered participants will receive invitations for each meeting in advance via zoom.

Cost Award Matters

The OEB’s January 20, 2026, [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) identifies the participants that are eligible to apply for cost awards.

For each of the upcoming gas-electric co-ordination information sharing forum meetings, the following activities are eligible for cost awards:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours per Meeting
Participation (including preparation and report back) in each forum meeting	Actual meeting time plus 1 hour
Develop and submit written responses to each questionnaire before or after forum meetings, where applicable (to be determined)	2 hours

For each Indigenous pre-engagement meeting, the following activities are eligible for cost awards:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours per Meeting
Participation (including preparation and report back) in each pre-engagement meeting	Actual meeting time plus 1 hour

Contact Information

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