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To: All Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors
All Rate-regulated Electricity Transmitters
Independent Electricity System Operator
All Rate-regulated Natural Gas Distributors
Regional Planning Process Advisory Group Members
All Other Interested Parties

**Re: Regional Planning Reform Implementation
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2026-0245**

What You Need to Know

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

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

On September 17, 2026, the OEB issued a [letter](#) launching the [Regional Planning Reform Implementation](#) (RPRI) initiative to implement recommendations set out in the OEB's March 2026 Report to the Ministry of Energy and Mines, [Review of Ontario's Regional and Bulk Electricity Planning Processes](#).

The letter said the OEB will reconvene the RPPAG, which is an OEB standing committee of industry stakeholders established in 2014, to advise on improvements to

the regional planning process. The RPPAG will provide advice and feedback to the OEB on certain elements of the four workstreams in the RPRI initiative – Terms of Reference (for the Technical Working Group), Regional Planning Process Document, forecasting requirements and improvements in distributed energy resource assessments.

In the letter, existing members of the RPPAG were invited to confirm their respective participants. The OEB received confirmation from all existing members except one.

The letter also invited expressions of interest from stakeholders who can represent perspectives not currently reflected in the existing RPPAG's membership. The OEB received expressions of interest from eight entities representing manufacturing consumers, electricity distributors, embedded electricity distributors, energy storage developers, and a municipality. The OEB thanks all stakeholders who responded with their interest.

Not all interested stakeholders have been selected to be part of the advisory group. As described in the letter, the RPPAG will be appropriately sized to promote effective collaboration in providing advice and feedback to the OEB in implementing the activities in the RPRI initiative. 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 RPPAG.

All RPPAG meeting materials related to the RPRI initiative will be available on the OEB website under file number EB-2026-0245 and on the initiative [webpage](#).

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB has made provision for cost awards to be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the OEB Act for participation in the RPPAG. The OEB also said that any existing member of the RPPAG that has already been determined to be eligible for an award of costs is deemed eligible for costs in relation to their continued participation in the advisory group. The OEB has received a cost award request from a new stakeholder. No objections were received.

In accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the following entities are determined to be eligible for cost awards:

- School Energy Coalition
- Pollution Probe
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (new member)

Cost awards will be available to eligible RPPAG members to a maximum of actual meeting time plus 1.5 times the actual meeting time for preparation and reporting per eligible participant.

The OEB has determined that costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors (65% of the costs awarded) and all rate-regulated transmitters (35% of the costs awarded). Within the distributor class, costs awarded will be apportioned based on respective customer numbers. Within the transmitter class, apportionment between transmitters will be based on the percentage of revenue of each transmitter (using the most recent calendar year).

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Chris Cincar, Senior Policy Advisor, Electricity Supply, at Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca and Tayyab Chaudhry, Advisor, Integrated Planning, at Tayyab.Chaudhry@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore Antonopoulos', followed by a horizontal line.

Theodore Antonopoulos
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Attachment(s):
Appendix A – RPPAG Membership for RPRI Initiative

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RPPAG Membership for RPRI Initiative

#	Organization	Type of Representative
1	School Energy Coalition	Consumer
2	Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (New)	Consumer
3	London Hydro	Distributor
4	Alectra Utilities	Distributor
5	Toronto Hydro	Distributor
6	Elexicon Energy	Distributor
7	Hydro Ottawa (New)	Distributor
8	Entegrus Powerlines (New)	Embedded Distributor
9	Electricity Distributors Association (New)	Distributors
10	Hydro One	Transmitter
11	Association of Power Producers of Ontario	Generator
12	Independent Electricity System Operator	System Operator
13	Regional Municipality of Durham (New)	Municipalities
14	Pollution Probe, Clean Air Council, Clean Air Partnership	Municipalities
15	Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association	Municipalities
16	REASCWA (CanREA, ESC, OWA) ¹	Non-Wires Solutions Developers
17	Capstrategies	Non-Wires Solutions Developers
18	Enbridge Gas	Natural Gas Distributor

¹ REASCWA is a joint consortium of Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), Energy Storage Canada (ESC) and Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA).