

Meeting Notes

Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (EB-2021-0118)

Working Group Meeting #8

Meeting Date: November 10, 2021 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: MS Teams

Attendees

FEIWG Members	Affiliation
Michael Lister	Alectra Utilities
Ian Mondrow	AMPCO and IGUA
Dr. Don Richardson	Anwaatin
Marc Brouillette	Canadian Manufact. & Exporters and Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Cara Clairman	ChargePoint
Julie Girvan	Consumers Council of Canada
Allen M. Freifeld	Demand Power Group
Kathi Farmer	EDA
Cara-Lynne Wade	Enbridge
Sarah Griffiths	Enel
Kent Elson	Environmental Defence
Nimal Weeratunga	ENWIN
Darren McCrank	EPCOR
Spencer Gill	Hydro One
Brennan Louw	IESO
Michael Brophy	Pollution Probe
Jay Shepherd	Schools Energy Coalition
Falguni Shah	Elexicon Energy
Andrew Sasso	Toronto Hydro
Chris Codd	Versorium Energy

Observers	Affiliation
Mark Thompson	Ministry of Energy
Kristen Bromfield	Ministry of Energy
Roy Hrab	Ontario Energy Association
Tom Ladanyi	Energy Probe
Utilia Amaral	Market Step
Marty Tzolov	Strategic Policy Economics
Benjamin Stafford	ICF
Benjamin Foster	ICF
Phillip Chisulo	IESO
Vince Brescia	Ontario Energy Association

OEB Staff	Role
Lenore Robson	FEI Director Acting Director, Strategic Policy
Gona Jaff	FEI Lead Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy
Maia Chase	FEI Team Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy
Tara Brautigam	FEI Team Senior Advisor, Public Affairs
Ryan Holder	Manager, Industry Policy & Compliance
Raj Pattani	Policy Advisor, Industry Policy & Compliance

Regrets

FEIWG Members	Affiliation
Adam White	Powerconsumer

Purpose

These notes summarize the information discussed during the working group meeting on each of the key points presented in the published materials.

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening comments and review of Meeting #7 Notes

- As Chair of the morning portion of the meeting, Sarah Griffiths asked if there were any comments on the meeting #7 notes.
- There were no comments on the meeting notes. Therefore, they were accepted for posting on the FEI consultation webpage along with the other materials.

2. Presentation and Discussion: Defined Use Cases

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Benjamin Stafford of ICF presented on defined use cases and provided some examples of use cases to meet the distribution needs developed by the working group.	There was discussion by FEIWG members on possible use cases that could be developed, what should be included in the use cases and that examples should not be too narrow.	ICF is to refine the remaining use cases developed by the FEIWG members and add other use cases, if any, which based on their experience in other jurisdictions they suggest we consider.

3. Presentation and Discussion: Benefit Cost Analysis of NWAs

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Benjamin Stafford of ICF presented on NWA motivations and practices in US jurisdictions that are driving NWA polices. The presentation also included key elements of BCAs, benefit and cost categories and potential next steps.	<p>There was discussion by FEIWG members on the next steps on the BCA topic such as a jurisdictional scan that notes what BCA issues have been largely settled and what BCA issues are less settled.</p> <p>There was also discussion on the best place to start and many suggested that the National Standards Practice Manual (DERS) was a good place to start.</p> <p>FEIWG members also discussed the types of benefits that should be considered in the benefit cost analysis. Some suggested that all benefits must be considered, and others that benefits to distribution customers should be the focus. There was also a suggestion to scope the consideration with reference to items included on the customer's bill.</p>	

4. Creation of sub-group - CBA

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Ian Mondrow provided some guidance for creation of the subgroup such as asking for volunteers and providing some scope of the work for the subgroup. The scope of work will be more defined and communicated to the subgroup.	There was discussion among the FEIWG members that scope of work needs to be defined for the group along with timelines including reporting back to the broader working group.	FEIWG members are to express their interest in being part of the subgroup by sending an email to the FEI mailbox. OEB Staff and co-leads will discuss and provide guidance on expectations for the subgroup, scope of work, and the member composition.

5. Discussion: DER Definition

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Ian Mondrow discussed the development of a proposed DER definition for the working group with input from a few selected members.	The definition was effectively accepted by the FEIWG members as a “working definition” and the possibility of changes to the definition as the work progresses was noted.	The acceptance of the DER Definition will be noted in the status report.

6. Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
<p>Sarah Griffiths noted the following next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCA sub-group: OEB Staff and co-leads will discuss and communicate proposed next steps to the working group. • ICF will come back to the working group with the completed defined use cases. • LEI will be presenting on incentives at the next meeting. 		

List of Action Items

Action Item	Assignment/Owner	Due Date
ICF is to refine the remaining use cases developed by the FEIWG members and add other use cases, if any, that based on their experience in other jurisdictions they suggest we consider.	ICF	November 24
FEIWG members are to express their interest in being part of the BCA subgroup by sending an email to the FEI mailbox	FEIWG members	As soon as possible
OEB Staff and co-leads will discuss and provide guidance on expectations for the BCA subgroup and the member composition	OEB staff/Co-leads	In advance of meeting #9
The acceptance of the DER Definition will be noted in the status report.	OEB staff	In advance of meeting #9