

OEB Regional Planning Process Review Consultation

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) – Meeting #6

EB-2020-0176

August 19, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Finalization of RPPAG Recommendations – *IESO-Related*
- Finalization of RPPAG Recommendations – *Other*
- Format of RPPAG Document to OEB Executive (if time permits)
- Next Steps and Action Items

Finalization of RPPAG Recommendations: IESO-Related

- Revised recommendations reflecting the RPPAG's feedback at the July 14th meeting will be discussed to finalize that portion of the table
 - OEB staff does not expect any material changes at this point in time

Proposed RPPAG Recommendations

– Other

1. General Education on the Regional Planning process in Ontario
✓ *Appears to be full consensus*
2. Reflect Guidance in a new OEB Bulletin on cost responsibility treatment related to Local Preferences (i.e., higher cost ‘premium’ solution) from [2017 OEB Notice of Proposal](#) (p.34)¹
✓ *Appears to be full consensus*
3. Open Stakeholder Access to Planning Information
✓ *Appears to be full consensus*
4. Holistic Coordination of Planning Processes – Regional, Bulk, Distribution, Natural Gas, Municipal
5. Removing Option to Bypass Integrated Regional Resource Planning (IRRP) Process
6. Make information available related to existing hydro capacity not being utilized (remaining 2% that OPG has not already agreed to make available as part of [Settlement Agreement](#))

¹ For example, a local community may prefer a DER solution rather than the ‘optimal’ solution (e.g., wires) determined through the process. Guidance discusses how to address the *incremental* cost.

Proposed RPPAG Recommendations – Other (cont'd)

- The latter portion of the table attempts to summarize additional recommendations that have been proposed by certain RPPAG members for the group's consideration
- The RPPAG will need to determine which of those proposed recommendations will be adopted for inclusion in the document to the OEB and, if so, whether any modifications are necessary
- If and where there is broad support, but not full consensus, how that is reflected in the document to the OEB will need to be agreed upon
 - Typical approach is to explain the differing views
- For inclusion in the document to the OEB, a recommendation will require majority RPPAG member support
 - In RPPAG Meeting #1, the group appeared to land on a *two-thirds* majority of the vote be required to adopt a recommendation

Next Steps and Action Items

- Finalize discussion of “Other” additional RPPAG Recommendations (if further discussion required)
- Discuss preparation of document to be provided to the OEB Executive setting out the RPPAG’s recommendations for OEB endorsement
- Next RPPAG meeting to be scheduled week of September 20
 - Target September 21, 22 or 23 (maintain flexibility for members that wish to make a long weekend)

Questions / Comments?

