

FARM STRAY VOLTAGE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

MEETING NOTES



Main Boardroom, Ontario Energy Board

January 22, 2008

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Board staff provided updates on the progress of the consultant studies and staff discussion paper, and invited feedback from the Consultative Group (CG) members.

Findings of Consultant Studies

- An update was given on the progress of the consultant studies procured on Farm Stray Voltage (FSV)
- The literature review on the impact of FSV on animals was summarized for the FSV group members
- The comparative study of cross-jurisdictional approaches to FSV was summarized with anecdotal examples from various jurisdictions
- Stray voltage mitigation measures as well as the costs associated with each were discussed

Discussion of Key Areas for Board Staff Consideration

- Board staff received comments from CG members on all areas under consideration as previously reported at the Board's Dec. 5, 2007 Stakeholder Consultation Conference, including: FSV performance standards, investigation and complaint response procedures, training issues, reporting requirements and implementation options.

Staff Discussion Paper

- A draft table of contents for the Staff Discussion Paper was presented for CG members comment

Next Steps

- Complete and post Staff Discussion Paper on Board website
- Invite and review written comments on Staff Discussion Paper
- Finalize Staff Discussion Paper and submit it to the Board.
- Board to determine what measures should be implemented to address the stray voltage issue

In Attendance:

Michael Bell	Hydro One Networks
Steve Clarke	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Ted Cowan	Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Jason Hrycyshyn	Electrical Safety Authority
Kevin Mackenzie	Electricity Distributors Association
Donald McCabe	Ontario Federation of Agriculture
John Savage	Ontario Ministry of Energy
Jeff Thomson	Electrical Safety Authority
Board staff	

Regrets:

Erik Veneman	Waterloo North Hydro/ESA UAC Working Group on Stray Voltage
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