

**21st Meeting Distribution Supply Code  
Task Force  
January 25&26, 2000  
OEB Hearing Room #2, 25th Floor**

**Day 1, Tuesday, January 25**

			<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	
1.	<b><u>Attendees:</u></b>	Ken Quesnelle (Chair)	Woodstock PUC	✓	✓
		John Alton	Lincoln Hydro	✓	✓
		Stephen Au	Toronto Hydro	✓	✓
		Rene Gatien	Guelph Hydro	✓	✓
		Tom Godfrey	Sault Ste Marie PUC	✓	✓
		Mary Ellen Richardson	ECS	✓	✓
		Gord Ryckman	OHSC	✓	✓
		John Savage	MEST		
		Lisa Brickenden	OEB	✓	✓
		Nabih Mikhail	OEB		✓
		Kirsten Walli	OEB	✓	✓
		Tanya Bodell	PHB Hagler Bailly		
		Graham Brown	OPGI		✓
		Jane Scott	Ottawa Hydro		
		Ron LaPier (recording secretary)	Sarnia Hydro	✓	
		George Mychailenko	Brantford Hydro		
		Darius Vaiciunas	Collingwood PUC	✓	✓
		Curtis Cesarin	Caledon Hydro		✓
		Kevin Henderson	Caledon Hydro		
		Lorne Pasche	Welland Hydro	✓	✓
		Mike Angemeer	Hydro Mississauga		✓
		Kevin Bell	Great Lakes Power	✓	✓
		John O'Neill	MEA	✓	✓
		Bruce Bacon	ECS		
		Ted Olechna	ESA	✓	
		Luc VanOverberghe	Measurement Canada		
		Romano Sironi	Toronto Hydro		✓
		Mary Hutchins	ECS		✓

2. **Review of previous meeting #20 minutes from January 11,12, 2000**

Approved into the record.

3. **Opening Remarks from the Chair**

4. **Additional Items for Agenda:**

- 1) **Demarcation Survey Results** and the need for the information. Jennifer Wilson is compiling the data and will report this week.
- b) **Draft of the actual DSC code for review.**  
Ken requested that the most current version be sent to the Task Force for review. Also if there is a current list of Final SOR's, this could be sent out as well.
- c) **Status of the Transmission System Code (TSC).**

Nabih gave the group an update of the participants and the progress. They will not be following the SOR format but rather will be using the minutes of the meetings. The TSC has requested copies of SOR's from the DSC.

Time frame for the TSC is planned completion by end of March, with meetings of subgroup every week and the main group every week. First main group meeting on February 3, 2000 at the OEB office. There are three subgroups formed dealing with Connections, Quality Standards, and System Expansions.

It was suggested that for some of the draft issues before the DSC, a personal presentation of the discussion to date of the DSC would be appropriate and that only FINAL draft versions of SOR's from the DSC go forward to the TSC.

5. **Review of Action Items**

- 5)1 **All members responsible for SOR's are requested to forward FINAL versions to Tanya (as well as to Kirsten) for inclusion in the DSC.**
- 5)2 Section 71 work continues by Board Staff. This relates to "Other Services" by the Distributor.  
PBR decision by the Board came out last week.

6. **Work In Progress Report (Appendix 21A)**

Ken will have the chart and summary for tomorrow. This is in the Appendix.

7 **Review of Summaries of Recommendation:**

a) **Conditions of Supply Sub-Group**

- 1)1 Darius updated the group on the progress of the Sub Group. The group is drafting the template for all Distributors to follow. Those who have Conditions of Supply will be allowed to use a cross referencing system to meet requirements of the OEB instead of forcing Distributors to re-write their current document.

1)2 There will be no further SOR's to come out this group. Only the Template format.

2) **System Expansions Sub-Group**

2)1 Draft SOR on Economic Evaluation Model for Distribution System Expansion (Appendix 20C)

**Action: All DSC members are asked to review in detail this large impact issue. All questions should be directed to Ken Quesnelle at Woodstock PUC.**

2) Minutes of Sub Group Dated December 21, 1999. (Appendix 21B)

3) Group working on SOR dealing with System Enhancement

3) **Operations & Maintenance Sub-Group**

1) Minutes of Meeting: January 12, 2000 (Appendix 21C)

2) Draft SOR on Environment, January 12, 2000 (Appendix 21D)

Lorne presented the SOR for discussion. Some wordsmithing of the recommendation was suggested to infer some latitude for the distributor on setting an environmental policy. The “must” should be changed to “should” and the “documented” be changes to “good” in the Recommendation. And that the Group discussion be modified to reflect these changes.

Other members suggested that Option 1 be adopted due to the fact that environmental issues are adequately dealt with by other legislation and regulations.

The SOR was put to vote in principle based on the wording changes. The Vote was unanimously in favour.

**Lorne will have the changes made and will return it to Tanya for the record.**

3) Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations Regarding Planned Outages (Appendix 21E)

Lorne presented the SOR (for Mike), for discussion.

Ron questioned whether some of the suggestions are already addressed in the PBR Handbook. Some discussion should be added to the SOR to reflect whether this is the case.

This SOR should not be in conflict with the PBR requirements. If the PBR requirements are adequate to cover this issue, then the relevant PBR sections

should be reiterated in the Conditions of Supply document, which would make it simple for the customer to refer to.

Lorne will return the SOR to the sub-group for further discussion and revisions. This SOR will return for further discussion at a future meeting.

- 4) Draft SOR on Customer Obligations to a Utility Distribution System and Utility Equipment (Appendix 21F)
- 5) Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations to Customer Property (Appendix 21G)

John presented this SOR for discussion.

Kirsten will request some clarification from the Gas Industry treatment of this type of issue. Some consideration in the discussion section around what other laws (Common Law) govern these types of issues.

Reference to section 98.1 & .2 should be added.

- 6) Draft SOR on Relocation of Distributor Plant (Appendix 18H) Dated December 2, 1999

#### 4) **Metering Sub-Group**

- 1) Minutes of Meeting January 14, 2000 (Appendix 21H)

A question from the sub-group is contained on the agenda and response is requested from Distributors.

The questions were discussed by the DSC main group and it is anticipated that some clarification is required. Darius identified a situation where customer size does not necessarily drive the Net System Load Shape (NSLS). The load factor of the customer is probably a larger driver of the NSLS. ie. a large customer with a high load factor will have little effect on the NSLS.

#### e) **Distributor Relationships Sub-Group**

- 1) Minutes of Meeting January 21, 2000 (Appendix 21J)
- 2) Draft SOR on Joint Use Agreements (Appendix 21K)
- 3) Draft SOR on Wheeling (Appendix 21L)  
Issued to the group as FYI only.

### **Day 2- Wednesday, January 26**

#### 8. **Opening Comments & Schedule for the Second Day:**

Reviewed Minutes of Day 1 January 25

**Review of Summaries of Recommendation:**

**Draft SOR on Customer Obligations to a Utility Distribution System and Utility Equipment (Appendix 21F)**

The group discussed the implications and ability of the DSC to establish obligations on the customer. The consensus was to reference the Act for specific statements, which allow for an LDC to place obligations on a customer with regards to the operation of the LDC system.

In addition, the DSC should identify that the distributor SHOULD expect certain expectations of a customer connected to their system.

9. **Break Out Sessions:**

10. **Afternoon Follow Up to Morning Subgroup Meetings**

The main Task Force reassembled following lunch; each sub group gave a brief report as follows.

10.1 **Expansions Sub Group:**

Expansions group will be meeting again and will bring forward a newly revised SOR at the next Task Force meeting.

Other Potential SOR's which come forth from previous discussions...

Enhancement Evaluation SOR  
Contestability SOR  
Contributed Capital SOR  
Connection Agreement SOR  
Connection Fees / Charges SOR

**ACTION:** Any comments for the Expansions Group should be sent to Rene Gatien prior to the next Task Force meeting.

Further questions arose with respect to Operating Agreements and if LDC staff would be allowed to work on other LDC's lines during an emergency. Items to be covered would include When; Who; How; and Cost Recovery.

**ACTION:** Rene will draft a concept around Operating Agreements and bring for the to the next meeting. Some of the concerns relate to requirement of an LDC to respond as per the PBR, and safety issues.

**ACTION:** All members are asked to review Draft SOR 21:P (A Distributors Ability to Deny Connection) prior to the next meeting.

10.2 Operations Maintenance Group:

10.3 Distributor Relations Sub Group

SOR 21:L ( SOR on Wheeling ) is currently on hold subject to further clarification as to an LDC's rights with regards to Transmission vs Distribution

SOR 21:K ( SOR on Joint Use Agreements )

It was agreed that Joint Use Agreements allow for best use of assets, as they reflect not only agreements between LDC's and Telecommunications companies, but also between two LDC's sharing the use of poles.

A question arose as to the term Non Discriminatory Access, and whether it applies to the use of Poles, or just the Wires of an LDC. A review of the interim License identified that Non Discriminatory Access is to the Consumer; Generator; and Retailer. This would preclude the access to poles by another LDC through this clause.

The next logical question then was whether an LDC could REFUSE or DENY access to another LDC to their Poles for the purpose of Joint Use. This could hold major implications for existing locations where two LDC's currently share poles.

**ACTION:** Kirsten will research to see if Distributors must share poles for joint use.

Discussion evolved around the impact of CRTC rulings that affect Joint Use, and how they may affect an LDC. The CRTC currently regulates Joint Use Agreements between Bell and Cable Companies.

9.4 Conditions of Supply Sub Group

The Conditions of Supply Sub-Group met and have requested that each Chair of a Sub-Group review their SOR's for references that suggest specific inclusion in a Conditions of Supply/Service document. These references should be sent to Darius via e-mail.

11. **Review of Work Plan and Assignment of Work Plan Items:**

The Work In Progress chart and Work Plan were reviewed and volunteers sought and new topics assigned as follows:

12. **Future Meetings**

DSC Task Force:	February 8 & 9 @ OEB February 22 & 23 @OEB
Expansions Sub-Group	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ OEB Offices
Metering Sub-Group	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 16th @ OEB Offices

13. **List of Appendices associated with these minutes:**

Appendix 21A:	Updated Work in Progress Report
Appendix 21B:	Minutes of Meeting of December 21, 1999 Expansions Sub-Group
Appendix 21C:	Minutes of Meeting of January 12, 2000 Operations & Maintenance Sub-Group
Appendix 21D:	Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations for Environmental Issues
Appendix 21E:	Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations Regarding Planned Outages
Appendix 21F:	Draft SOR on Customer Obligations to a Utility Distribution System and Utility Equipment
Appendix 21G:	Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations to Customer Property
Appendix 21H:	Minutes of Meeting January 14, 2000 Metering Sub-Group
Appendix 21I:	FINAL Draft SOR on Distributor Obligations Regarding System Losses
Appendix 21J:	Minutes of Meeting January 21, 2000 Distributor Relationships Sub- Group
Appendix 21K:	Draft SOR on Joint Use Agreements
Appendix 21L:	Draft SOR on Wheeling
Appendix 21M:	DSC Definitions Dated January 11, 2000
Appendix 21N:	Sub Committee Meeting Minutes #11
Appendix 21O:	Issues List for Connections Sub Group
Appendix 21P:	Draft SOR LDC Ability to Deny Connections
Appendix 21Q:	Daft SOR Existing Load Transfer Arrangements (Jan26) NEW
*Appendix 20C:	Draft SOR on Economic Evaluation Model for Distribution System Expansion
*Appendix 18H:	Draft SOR on Relocation of Distributor Plant

\*Carried forward unchanged from last meeting