

Meeting Notes

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

Working Group Meeting #5

Meeting Date: September 15, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Location: Virtual (Zoom)

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
Falguni Shah	Elexicon Energy
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
Adam White	Powerconsumer
Jay Shepherd	Schools Energy Coalition
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
Phillip Chisulo	IESO
Alex Simakov	Sussex Strategy
Tom Ladanyi	Energy Probe
Utilia Amaral	Market Step
Marty Tzolov	Strategic Policy Economics
Benjamin Stafford	ICF

OEB Staff	Role
Ceirán Bishop	FEI Director Director, Strategic Policy
Gona Jaff	FEI Lead Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy
Lenore Robson	FEI Lead Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy
Maia Chase	FEI Team Policy Advisor, Strategic Policy
Ryan Holder	Manager, Industry Policy & Compliance
Chris Cincar	Regional Planning Process Review Lead Senior Advisor, Industry Policy & Compliance
Catherine Eithier	DER Connections Review Lead Policy Advisor, Industry Policy & Compliance

Regrets

FEIWG Members	Affiliation
Geoff Osborne	Energy Storage Canada

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 #4 Notes

- As Chair of the meeting, Ian Mondrow outlined the agenda for the day, indicated that next steps will be addressed at the end of the meeting, and asked if there were any comments on the meeting #4 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. Overview of Utility Needs Cases

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Andrew Sasso discussed the distribution needs cases (DNC) that were circulated to the FEIWG members in advance of the meeting, what they are, how they fit into the meetings' discussion and the process that was used to develop them.	There was a comment on the absence of natural gas DNCs. It was determined that the focus at this time should be on electricity and discussion on a similar activity for natural gas will be discussed later.	N/A

3. Presentation: Use case template

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Gona Jaff provided an overview of the Use Case template prepared by ICF to guide the sub-group discussion in identifying DERs solutions that could be used to satisfy the DNCs. Benjamin Stafford of ICF then explained the template and addressed related questions by FEIWG members. A copy of the templates is included in the meeting materials posted on the FEI consultation webpage.	Generally, FEIWG members viewed the template as a good tool to guide the sub-group discussions.	NA

4. Sub-group assignments to complete use case template

The members went into their sub-groups to complete the use case templates.

5. Sub-groups report back to the FEIWG

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
Each sub-group provided a summary of their discussions. The sub-group dealing with the power quality use case completed their analysis. The sub-group looking at capacity realized that their DNC needs to be revised to produce viable DER solutions.	The sub-group dealing with the capacity DNC suggested that they revise the DNC to make it a more viable use case.	Capacity sub-group to keep working after the meeting to develop a viable DNC.

<p>Most members indicated that they did not have sufficient time to complete the steps outlined in the Use Case template.</p>		
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6. Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Discussion Comments	Discussion Outcome	Action Items
<p>Ian Mondrow asked FEIWG members to provide their feedback on the next steps in the workplan.</p> <p>FEIWG members were also encouraged to provide their comments after the meeting through the FEI email box.</p>	<p>FEIWG members provided a number of suggestions on next steps in the workplan and how to move forward with the use cases and the work completed in the meeting.</p>	<p>FEIWG members are to provide their comments on the next steps in the workplan.</p> <p>The co-leads and OEB staff to discuss next steps and inform FEIWG accordingly.</p>

List of Action Items

Action Item	Assignment/Owner	Due Date
<p>Capacity sub-group to revise the DNC to make it into a feasible use case</p>	<p>Capacity sub-group</p>	<p>In advance of meeting #6</p>
<p>Information relating to next step(s) to be provided to the FEIWG in advance of Meeting #6.</p>	<p>OEB staff/Co-leads</p>	<p>In advance of meeting #6</p>