



Gas-Electric Co-ordination Forum

January 27, 2026

Agenda

Gas-Electric Co-ordination and Information Sharing Forum (EB-2025-0227)

Inaugural Forum Meeting
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Agenda (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.):

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Housekeeping

- Please mute yourself when not speaking.
- Please raise your hand to ask questions or type them in the comments section. We will respond to questions in order at the end of different sections of the presentation.
- Feedback may be attributed to your organization in the OEB's report to the Minister due September 30, 2026.
- Written feedback is due by February 17, 2026.
- Questions can be sent to gaselectricforum@oeb.ca

Implementation Directive

The OEB received an Implementation Directive from the Minister of Energy and Mines in June 2025.

The Directive requires the OEB to, amongst other things:

- Initiate a gas-electric information sharing co-ordination forum by January 31, 2026.
- Set expectations for information sharing.
- Support information sharing in the short term.
- Encourage Indigenous communities and stakeholders to participate in the forum.
- Report to the Minister on progress by September 30, 2026.
- Establish the use of consistent assumptions and scenarios in the medium term.

Addressed by this
consultation

Participants will be
engaged on this in
late 2026

Participants of Consultation

Participants are invited to submitted written feedback and attend forum meetings

Utilities and utility associations	Alectra, Elexicon, ENWIN, EPCOR, GrandBridge Energy, Halton Hills, Hydro One, Hydro Ottawa, Toronto Hydro, Enbridge Gas, Canadian Gas Association, Electricity Distributors Association, Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts
Indigenous organizations	Anishinabek First Nation, Chiefs of Ontario, Resilient, Scugog First Nation, Three Fires Group
Municipalities	Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Kitchener, South Dundas
Transport planners	Metrolinx, Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium
Intervenors and consultants	Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Building Owners and Managers Association, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario, Industrial Gas Users Association, Low-Income Energy Network, Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition, Consumers Council of Canada, Elenchus, Guidehouse, Joly Solutions, Power Advisory, Utilis, Vidya, 3energy Solutions
Other	Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines, Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO), Capital Power, Power Workers' Union, Quinte Manufacturers Association

Purpose of Meeting

As Ontario's energy regulator, the OEB's roles include setting rates, approving energy infrastructure projects and establishing requirements for utilities and the IESO.

OEB will provide an overview of:

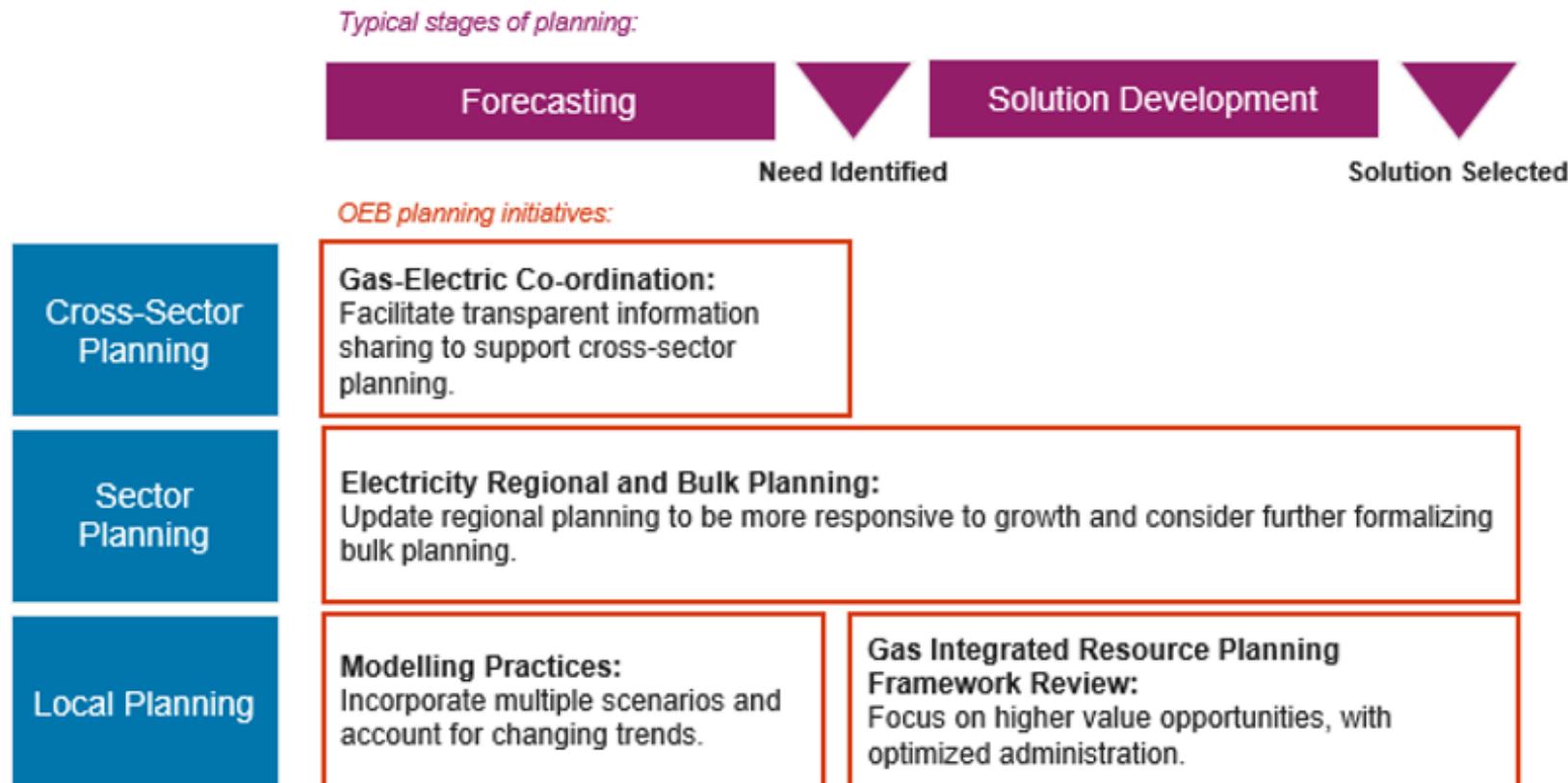
- Gas-electric co-ordination and information sharing consultation and milestones
- Gas and electricity planning in Ontario
- Areas where we are seeking participants' input and how feedback can be submitted

OEB seeks to:

- Address questions regarding the consultation and participants' involvement in the consultation
- Understand participants' views on how the OEB can facilitate an effective consultation/forum

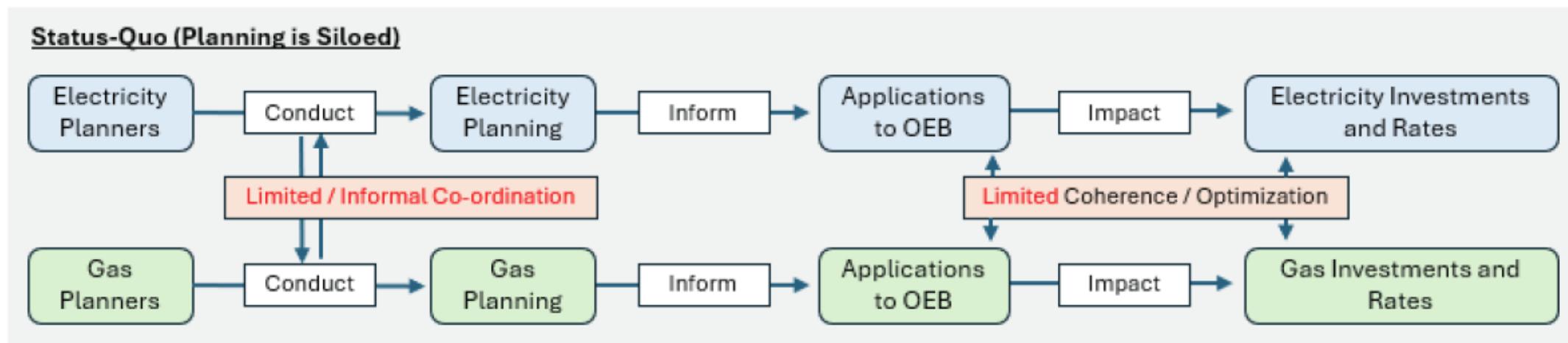
OEB's Portfolio of Planning Initiatives

In alignment with the priorities outlined in Energy for Generations, the OEB is advancing a portfolio of initiatives to strengthen energy planning, making it more responsive to a faster pace of growth. These initiatives cover the range of planning activities, from initial load forecasting to the selection of investment solutions.



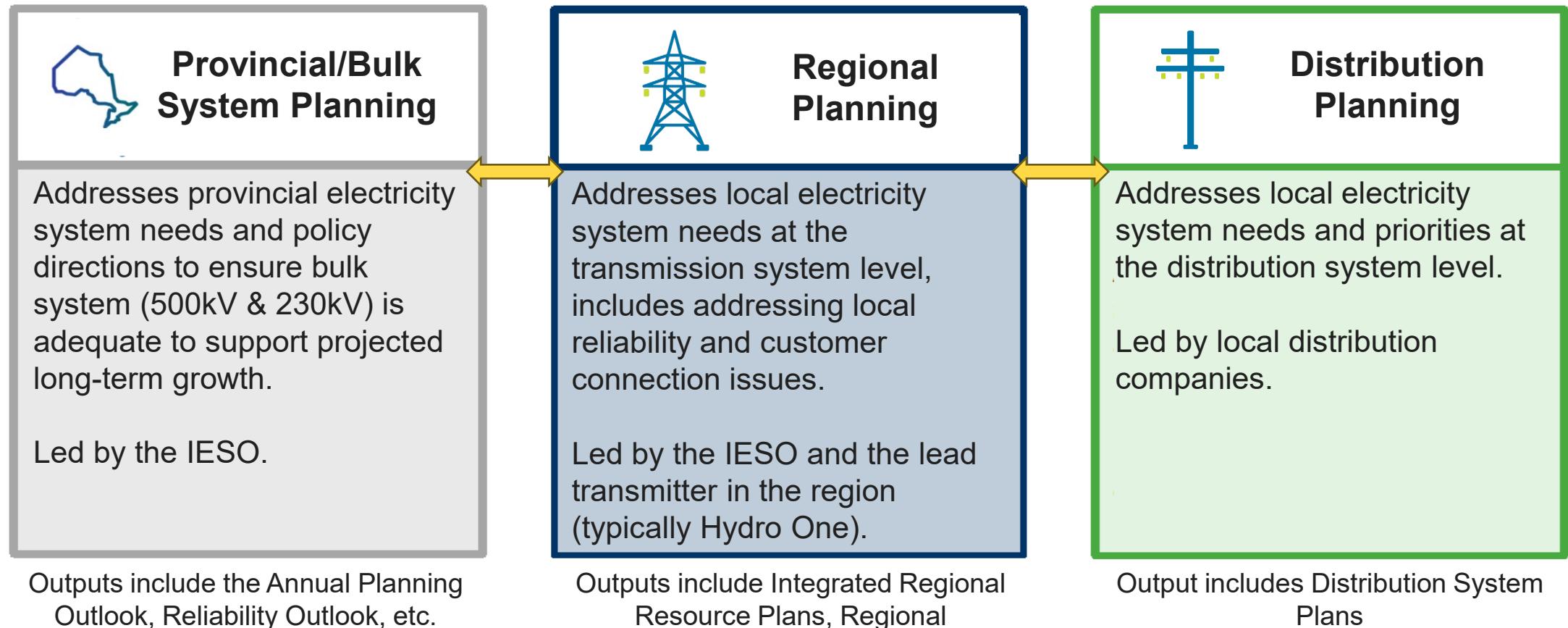
Energy Planning 101

Electricity and natural gas entities conduct energy planning in Ontario, based on requirements and expectations set by the OEB. Generally, these planning processes have occurred in isolation.



Overview of Electricity Planning in Ontario

Electricity planning in Ontario is conducted at three levels:



Overview of Natural Gas Planning in Ontario

Natural gas planning is conducted by Ontario's two rate-regulated natural gas distributors, based on requirements set by the OEB.

Natural gas planning products include:



Gas Supply Plans

Outlines a natural gas utility's approach to securing natural gas supply, upstream transportation and storage to meet forecasted demands of its customers.



Asset Management Plans

Covers all utility-owned and regulated assets related to bringing natural gas to end-use customers, including transmission and distribution pipelines, distribution stations and underground storage.



Integrated Resource Planning Plans

Evaluates traditional natural gas infrastructure and non-traditional solutions, and their interplay, to address the natural gas system needs identified in the Asset Management Plan.*

*Applies only to Enbridge Gas

Need for Co-ordination

Energy assumptions and scenarios are key inputs to electricity and natural gas planning processes. Some of these inputs are co-ordinated and shared within the electricity and natural gas sectors. However, currently, this co-ordination is **informal, ad-hoc and/or limited in scope**.

Need for Co-ordination and Information Sharing

- There are **increasing interplays between gas and electricity** due to sector trends. Better co-ordination in natural gas and electricity planning could ensure these interplays benefit energy consumers, such as by facilitating:
 - **Cost-effectiveness** and rational expansion of assets by avoiding separate gas and electricity planning to meet the same need; and
 - **Adequacy and reliability** by ensuring that infrastructure and supply keep pace with economic development and sector trends.
- The OEB is developing a framework to facilitate gas-electric co-ordination and information sharing.

Spectrum of Co-ordinated Planning

The OEB's jurisdictional scan found the following approaches for gas-electric co-ordination worldwide.

Spectrum of Co-ordination Activities		Key Takeaways
Less co-ordination →	1 Communicate with each other	
	2 Communicate in a specified process (e.g., in a specific forum)	
	3 Share specified types of information with each other	To meet the Ministry's requirement for the OEB to set expectations for information sharing in the short term , the OEB's proposal focuses on activities 1-4.
↔ More co-ordination	4 Discuss and comment on each other's information	These short-term activities provide the foundation for establishing consistent assumptions and scenarios, which the Ministry requires the OEB to implement in the medium term .
	5 Consistent assumptions used (e.g., use same forecast inputs)	
	6 Consistent scenarios used (e.g., use same forecast outcomes)	
	7 Integrated decisions (e.g., synergize strategies and investments)	

Discussion Questions: Summary

Guided by the Directive, the OEB is developing a gas-electric information sharing framework. It will outline the following:

Objectives: What should info-sharing achieve?

Outcomes: How should the shared information be used?

Process: How should information be shared?

Roles: What should be the roles of utilities and non-utilities in information sharing?

Scope: What information should be shared?

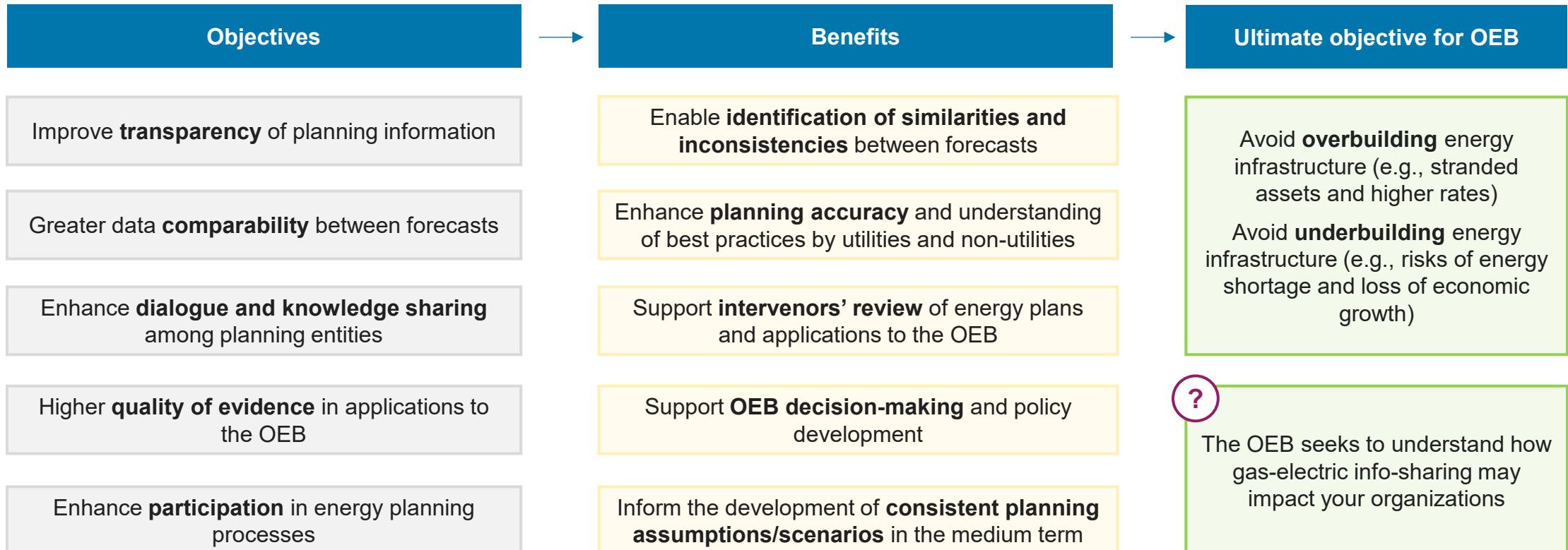
Timing: What should be the cadence of information sharing and outcomes?

Other: What other issues should the OEB consider, including issues related to establishing consistent planning assumptions and scenarios?

Participants' written submission and feedback during forum meetings will help the OEB design the framework.

Discussion Questions: Objectives

What feedback do you have on the OEB's proposed outcomes and objectives?



Discussion Questions: Process



How should planning information be shared, stored and accessed?

	Option 1: Repository	Option 2: Direct Sharing
Approach	Online data repository to submit/access data	Utilities/IESO develop their own approach(es)
Host	OEB or another organization	Utilities/IESO-led process for info sharing
Access	Ongoing public or restricted access	Utilities/IESO ensure ongoing public or restricted access
Data Contributors	Utilities/IESO required to contribute data. Other participants encouraged to submit data too.	
Format of Entries	Info sharing could follow a format endorsed by the OEB (e.g., Excel templates) to ensure consistency. Commentary may also be submitted alongside data.	
Data Governance	Participants accountable for the quality and compliance of the data they share. OEB would ensure utilities and IESO adhere to completeness expectations.	
Timing	At minimum, information should be shared annually, 30-90 days before each annual electricity TWG meeting.	
Security and Confidentiality	Will be based on nature of data shared. OEB will ensure appropriate security/confidentiality procedures.	

Discussion Questions: Scope



What gas and electricity planning information should be shared? How should they be converted for comparability?

Examples of types of information that could be shared		Questions for input
Demand	MW, MWh or m3	<i>What data would be useful to share?</i>
Electric Vehicles	MW, MWh or # of vehicles	<i>Data units and comparability?</i>
Electrified Heating	%, MW, MWh or m3 change	<i>Geography and granularity?</i>
Heat Pump Efficiency	Heat pump efficiency %	<i>Time period and time scales?</i>
Conversation/Demand Management	MW, MWh or m3	
Weather	HDD, CDD and L/H Temp	
GDP/population/customer changes	# or %	
Public Policy Impacts	Brief Written Commentary	
Additional Commentary	Brief Written Commentary	

Scope may evolve over time

Discussion Questions: Outcomes



How should the shared information be discussed with each other and used?

How should shared info be discussed between participants?

and

How should shared info inform participants' energy planning?

Proposal:

Standing meetings could occur between utilities, IESO and other participants within the same region to discuss planning inconsistencies, risks of over/ underbuilding infrastructure and other issues.

Existing meetings could be leveraged (e.g., annual TWG meetings).

Alternative:

Ad-hoc meetings could occur between utilities, IESO and other participants as needed.

Proposal:

Utilities/IESO: *Existing planning documents* submitted as evidence to the OEB could include a new chapter describing how data repository entries and discussions have been considered.

Alternative:

Utilities/IESO: *New Regional Co-ordination Report* could be developed for each planning region, summarizing data repository information and discussion outcomes. This new report could be filed as evidence in relevant OEB applications.

Non-utilities: We encourage other participants to use the data repository entries and discussion outcomes to inform their own energy planning.

Implementation Example (TBC)

Framework

The OEB will finalize info-sharing framework by end of 2026. It will specify how to share info, what to share and what to do with shared info.

Hypothetical example of info sharing

- 1 Utilities, IESO and other participants begin to upload data to Data Repository (e.g., electrification assumptions). Accessing the data will help participants identify similarities/differences in their forecasting assumptions and scenarios.
- 2 Utilities, IESO and other participants meet to discuss info submitted to Data Repository, leveraging existing meeting processes.
- 3 Utilities'/IESO's planning documents and applications explain how they considered info submitted to Data Repository. Other participants encouraged to consider info submitted to Data Repository in their own energy planning.
- 4 OEB staff, commissioners and intervenors also have access to Data Repository, informing their review of applications.

Next steps

Forum Meetings

1) **February 17, 2026:** Written feedback due.

2a) **March 2026:** Discuss scope of info sharing.

2b) **April 2026:** Discuss info sharing process.

2c) **May 2026:** Discuss info sharing outcomes/use cases.

Forum meetings are technical, working meetings. The OEB may:

- **Issue questionnaires** for additional feedback (before meeting)
- **Provide summaries** of written feedback
- **Seek verbal clarification** on submissions
- **Seek additional information** from participants
- **Provide updates** on project and OEB's views
- **Discuss issues raised during Indigenous pre-engagement meetings**

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3) **September 30, 2026:** OEB Report to Minister on progress

Written submissions and Forum discussions will inform the Report to the Minister

4) **Late 2026:** Finalize Info-sharing Framework

OEB plans to require utilities/IESO to share info based on framework. Others are encouraged to participate.

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5) **Late 2026:** **Reconvene Forum** to establish the use of **consistent planning assumptions/scenarios**



Do you have additional feedback, including on establishing consistent assumptions/scenarios?

Summary:

- The OEB is designing a gas-electric co-ordination information sharing framework, in response to Ministerial direction.
- Your written feedback by February 17 and participation in monthly forum meetings beginning in March will inform the framework.
- The framework to be finalized by late 2026. The OEB will then re-engage you on establishing consistent assumptions/scenarios.
- Goal of today's meeting is for the OEB to summarize the project and answer your questions.

Questions

- Can we provide clarity on project goals, milestones and outcomes?
- Can we provide more information to facilitate your participation? How can we best support your involvement?
- Can we clarify any aspects of the discussion paper or the OEB's proposals?

Note: Detailed deliberation on framework proposals will occur in forum meetings beginning in March.