

OEB Regional Planning Process Review Consultation

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) – Meeting #7

EB-2020-0176

September 21, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Finalization of RPPAG Recommendations – *Other*
- RPPAG Document to OEB Executive
- Next Steps and Action Items

RPPAG Recommendations – IESO-Related

- Revised recommendations to reflect the RPPAG's feedback at the August 19th meeting
 - OEB staff considers those recommendations to essentially be final and believes no further discussion is required
 - Specific wording can be addressed in drafting the RPPAG document to the OEB Executive team
 - We can discuss a recommendation(s) if a member has a *material* concern in terms of *substance*

Proposed RPPAG Recommendations

– Other

1. General Education on the Regional Planning process in Ontario
 - ✓ *Full consensus*
2. Open Stakeholder Access to Electricity Planning Information
 - ✓ *Full consensus – IESO share information (scope TBD)*
 - ✓ *Broad support but not full consensus – IESO licence obligation*
3. Holistic Coordination of Planning Processes – Regional, Bulk, Distribution, Natural Gas, Municipal
 - ✓ *Appears only Electricity & Gas coordination may require further discussion*
4. Remove Option to Bypass IRRP process (i.e., directly to RIP from Scoping Assessment)
 - ✓ *Broad support but not full consensus*
 - ✓ *Staff uncertain if any member beyond IESO opposed*
5. Make information available related to existing hydro capacity not being utilized (i.e., spillage) that OPG did not already agree to as part of Settlement Agreement
 - ✓ *Information will not be used to improve regional planning process*
 - ✓ *Appropriate process is next OPG proceeding to seek information*
 - ✓ *Out of Scope for RPPAG*

RPPAG Document to OEB Executive

- OEB staff will prepare a first draft using the table as a basis
 - In terms of level of detail. OEB staff expects similar to Natural Gas Planning & Electricity Region Planning coordination document
- For inclusion in the document to the OEB, a recommendation will require majority RPPAG member support
 - If a member does not support a recommendation, a reason should be provided (via e-mail) given the extent of discussion to date
 - If a member is indifferent, it's ok to remain neutral (i.e., no position)
- If there is majority support, but not full consensus, how that is reflected in the document will need to be agreed upon

Next Steps and Action Items

- If any outstanding issues remain related to any recommendations, the intent is to address via e-mail
- OEB staff to draft document to be provided to the OEB Executive setting out the RPPAG's recommendations
- RPPAG members to review draft document in advance of next meeting
- Date of next RPPAG meeting TBD
 - It is not certain how long it will take to complete a first draft of the document (particularly if outstanding issues)
 - Date will likely be set once OEB staff is close to completing a first draft
 - RPPAG members will need some time to review prior to meeting

Questions / Comments?

