

Commercial Member Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary – Friday October 2, 2009

EDA Offices

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members in Attendance

Ven Seshadri, George Kelly, Bob Mason, Paula Zarnett, Peter Vickery, Jim Mason, Paul Grod, Bart Burman, Andy Molnar
EDA staff support Teresa Sarkesian, EDA staff support Tanya Fobear, EDA staff support Chris Hallas

Regrets:

Brian Hollywood, Peter Black, Todd Ross, Chuck Mossman

- **Welcome and Call to Order**

At approx. 9:37 am, Chair Ven Seshadri called the meeting to order.

TFobear updated the group that a new representative Todd Ross would be representing Springboard Management on the Commercial Member Steering Committee.

- **Items from Last Meeting**

As a follow up from the July 8th meeting Christine Hallas addressed two items from the priority matrix 1) Use of the EDA logo 2) Advertising on the EDA website

1) Ms. Hallas informed the group that 3rd party use of the EDA logo is a question of branding integrity for the Association. The EDA has no problem with members indicating in words they are members of the EDA (ie Members of the Electricity Distributors Association) There is concern over use of the logo for those who might be members one year and not the next. The EDA has no way of policing this and have made it a policy not to allow use of the logo, except in very specific cases (for example, Energy Conservation week).

2) A couple of years ago EDA staff looked into commercial advertising on the EDA website. The determination was made that website advertising is more of a commercial venture by the Association, and one which as a not-for-profit Association they EDA is hesitant to pursue. A couple of years ago, Ms. Hallas introduced to the Commercial Member Steering Committee the possibility of having a product showcase feature on the EDA website to highlight the goods and services of EDA's commercial members. She encouraged the steering committee if they are interested in piloting this new feature to send her sample product sheets to use. Ms. Hallas e-mail address to send the product sheets is challas@eda-on.ca.

- **EDA Activity Update**

Teresa Sarkesian provided an update on the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act* and EDA advocacy activities.

In September Sections of the Green Energy and Green Economy Act were proclaimed.

The legislation can be accessed from the E-Laws website at:
http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_09g12_e.htm

3 Ontario Regulations Have Been Issued O. Reg. 326/09 – Connections to Renewable Generation

This regulation, under the Electricity Act, 1998 addresses Mandatory Information regarding Connections for renewable generation. The regulation identifies the information that must be provided to the public as required under 25.37 of the Electricity Act regarding the ability to accommodate renewable generation. The regulation indicates that distributors shall provide, on at least a quarterly basis, the following information as it relates to the capacity of certain feeder lines on distribution systems:

- a) voltage level;
- b) maximum and minimum load;
- c) fault level;
- d) available capacity to connect generation; and
- e) the information required by the Board's Distribution System Code.

This information will be provided on feeder lines that are directly connected to a transformer station and which are directly connected to a transmission system. It also includes feeder lines that are not directly connected to a transformer station, but for which an application has been received from a renewable generator with a name-plate capacity of greater than 10 kilowatts.

Distributors will be required to provide to the public, updated on at least a quarterly basis, a listing of current applications for the connection of renewable generation by application date and including the proposed name-plate capacity. For any other feeders this information will be provided only for feeder lines for which an application has been received from a renewable generator above 10 kilowatts.

The regulation also identifies requirements for providing updates to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for each quarter. This includes information on;

The number of connection impact assessments for renewable generation facilities above 10 kilowatts;
Offers to connect renewable energy generation facilities under 10 kilowatts (completed or made); and,
The number of instances where assessments have not been provided within the time provided for by regulation, for each of the connection impact assessments that have been completed by the LDC.

Access O. Reg. 326/09: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090326_e.htm

O. Reg. 330/09 – Cost Recovery

This regulation, under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, addresses Cost Recovery under Section 79.1. Section 79.1 allows for rate protection for customers of distributors who incur costs for connecting qualifying generation facilities. It also allows LDCs to be compensated for lost revenue resulting from this rate protection, and requires all consumers to contribute towards the distributor's compensation.

The regulation identifies that qualifying generation will be renewable generation. The regulation indicates that rate protection is based on the eligible investments less the amount which the OEB determines to represent the direct

benefits to the distributor's customers. The regulation provides a mechanism for providing compensation to the distributor for the rate protection amount.

In summary, the OEB will calculate the compensation for each distributor providing rate protection, calculate total amount of compensation, and calculate the aggregate monthly compensation amount. The IESO will recover the monthly amount from market participants based on energy consumption. For distributors, this will include energy supplied by embedded generation. The IESO will compensate each qualified LDC through set offs in accounts maintained by the IESO.

Access O. Reg. 330/09: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090330_e.htm

O. Reg. 329/09 - Definitions

The Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 provides definitions for biofuel, biogas and biomass. The definitions for each have the same meaning as in O. Reg 160/99 (Definitions and Exemptions) made under the Electricity Act, 1998.

Access O. Reg. 329/09: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090329_e.htm

In addition, the following four regulations are expected to be gazetted by the end of September:

333/09 under OEB Act – Prescribed Contracts re Section 78.3 and 78.4

328/09 under Electricity Act – Definitions and Exemptions

327/09 under OEB Act – Net Metering

325/09 under Electricity Act – Debt Retirement Charge – Rates and Exemptions

At the last steering committee meeting on July 8th, the committee expressed interest in allowing commercial members to attend the OPA Fit/MicroFIT training seminars or to host a session for project proponents or suppliers.

Status Update – The OPA held public and stakeholder webinars on September 28th and October 8th. The OPA has encouraged commercial members to subscribe to the OPA FIT website for updates. The link can be accessed at:

<http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/FIT/>

Develop Revised Priority Matrix for Steering Committee

The committee reviewed the priority items from the updated priority matrix. Please refer to attached spreadsheet for updated recommendations based on committee discussion.

District AGMs

Marica Macura provided an update to the committee on the 4 district annual meetings that took place in September and October. There were a few commercial members present at the meetings. She informed the committee that district meetings present great business opportunities for commercial members and they should take advantage of liaising with respective clients. The committee discussed the possibility of inviting district reps to the commercial member meeting of the AGM. This would provide an opportunity for each district to share the activities happening in each district. A suggestion to leave a spot on the Commercial Member meeting agenda for 6 district reps to provide an update was brought forward.

- **Other Business**

The next meeting was discussed and is scheduled for

- **November 13, 2009 at 9:30am-11:30am**

- **Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Ven Seshadri adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 am.