

## **Commercial Member Steering Committee Meeting**

Meeting Summary – Monday, June 9, 2011

EDA Offices

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

### **Members in Attendance**

Chair, Neil Sandford, Bohdan Baluta, John Millar, George Kelly, Angelo Gravina, Julia Dalla Rosa, Bryan Duarte, Richard Booy EDA Staff Support Tanya Fobear, EDA Staff, Marica Macura, EDA Staff, Ruth Gyebi

### **Regrets:**

Brian Hollywood (EDA Board Rep)

#### **• Welcome and Call to Order**

At approx. 9:38 am Chair Neil Sandford called the meeting to order.

TFobear informed committee that she is on secondment with the Mearie Group but was back to assist in the meeting.

**EDA Activity Update** – Marica Macura provided an update on EDA activities. She informed the members that the EDA are and having been forming relationships with the two parties. She also informed that a change in political platform could result in change in energy policies.

Marica informed that the EDA will take part in the consultation regarding regional planning and will be obtaining member feedback through the Regulatory Council and also gave an update on CANDAS Application Regarding Access to Power Poles. The EDA has registered as an intervenor in this proceeding.

She also updated the committee on the 100th anniversary celebration activities for next year. There will be a special distributor which will feature commercial members as a contributor to the association's accomplishments. Marica also informed the members that a Technical Committee is being established to discuss technical issues as directed by the EDA Board. There was an update on district meetings and she encouraged members to attend as it gave networking opportunities. Other members testified about the benefits of attending the meetings. It was also suggested that reps that attend these meetings can feedback to the committee.

Next Forum - July 14<sup>th</sup> on Public Safety. Marica encouraged committee members to share any ideas they may have for EDA Council Forums topics to share with the EDA staff.

John Millar volunteered to help with the member expansion campaign.

Neil introduced a discussion on remote access for meetings. Marica was able to enlighten the committee that the EDA has implemented remote access for forums and it is still in its early testing stages. The committee discussed if this was something they wanted to offer to members. The consensus was that based on the EDA's testing

The committee also discussed the need for clearer communication specifically targeted at commercial members.

### **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference was distributed to the members. Members were encouraged to reflect on them and refer changes or amendments to the chair.

### **Member Survey**

TFobear advised committee that a survey was done in 2007 and the question was asked if new survey was needed. Members agreed that no new survey was needed however, the results of the last survey should be discussed actions taken. This item will be tabled on the agenda for the next meeting.

- The next meeting is scheduled for
  - **August 18 or 19 at 9.30-11:30 am at the EDA Head Office**
- **Meeting Adjourned**  
Chair Neil Sandford adjourned the meeting at approximately 11.33 am