

Membership and further Terms of Reference for the OEA Smart Grid Partners Committee

Following up on the OEA proposal of April 14, here are further details about the Terms of Reference and composition of the OEA Smart Grid Partners Committee.

Membership

The OEA Smart Grid Partners Committee Partners will reflect a cross-section of industry, including systems integration and consulting, distribution system components, communications networks, distributed generation, in-the-home applications, electric vehicles and related services, and advanced metering infrastructure.

The proposed membership of the Committee is attached.

Non-OEA members

Our proposed slate of Committee members includes two non-OEA members. We would consider requests from the Ontario Smart Grid Forum for additional non-OEA participants.

The issues to be considered

The Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Forum in any topic area assigned to it by the Forum. The Forum will therefore present a list of questions and issues on which it would like to hear the views of industry. These are likely initially to focus on barriers to implementation of the smart grid and other structural issues. The Committee may also suggest to the Forum issues for the Committee's consideration.

Schedule of meetings

The Committee will meet as necessary to consider the issues put before it by the Forum.

Liaison and role of staff

Liaison between the Committee and the Forum will be arranged by Gregor Robinson from the OEA and Don Tench from the IESO.

Conflicts of interest

The Committee will not advocate any particular technology solution or vendor product. Committee members will declare conflicts of interest they may have on any issue and will not participate in the discussion of any such issue.

Confidentiality

The deliberations of the Committee will be confidential unless the Forum decides otherwise.

Interaction with the Smart Grid Forum

The Forum may ask the Committee Chair, a delegation, or the whole Committee to present results of the Committee's deliberations. The Forum will likely meet with the whole Committee at the Forum meeting on June 17.

Funding

The Committee may seek funding from the Forum for relevant expenses

Proposed members

*Indy Butany-DeSouza, Vice President, Regulatory & Government Affairs Horizon Utilities

*Ron Clark, Aird & Berlis LLP

Richard Crouch, President, ODYNA

*Christine Dade, Manager, Regulatory & Government Affairs, PowerStream

James Douglas, Util-Assist (currently not a member of the OEA)

*Ric Forster, Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Direct Energy

Jeffrey Freedman, IBM Canada (currently not a member of the OEA)

*Rene Gatien, President and CEO, Waterloo North Hydro Inc.

Maria Gushue, Kanatek Technologies Inc.

*Jim Hogan, President and CEO, Chatham-Kent Energy Inc.

John Krill, Reliance Home Comfort

*Shelley Lewis, President and CEO, The SPI Group Inc.

*Jan Peeters, CEO, Olameter

*Martin Rovers, Global Development, Better Place

Bill Smith, Siemens Canada

*Linda Wainwright, Partner, TEAM

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