

Questions from TBS OEB Modernization Panel Submission

1. Whether the OEB has been engaged and to what extent (are they aware of the review/will they be made aware prior to the announcement?)

Response: The OEB was informed this week (week of December 4).

2. The communications strategy (I understand when I spoke with Mike today that there isn't much to share at this point, but there was concern around the optics of the review and some additional points beyond what is included in the attached note would be helpful)

Response: The Ministry will issue a bulletin following the announcement. Once the Panel is fully formed, information for the public will be housed on a page of the Ministry's website. The Ministry will make use of its extensive stakeholder network, developed during the Long-Term Energy Plan consultation process, to build awareness of when the Panel is ready to accept stakeholder submissions.

3. Stakeholder groups attending the announcement on the 14th.

Response: The Ministry is giving the keynote address at a luncheon hosted by the Empire Club. A cross-section of the energy industry will be in attendance. More information is here: <https://www.empireclub.org/product/the-honourable-glenn-thibeault-minister-of-energy/>

4. How or whether the Auditor General's concern on the independence of the OEB's regulation role will be addressed through the review

Response: Panel will be briefed on relevant AG findings and recommendations as part of its orientation process. The Panel will have considerable breadth of scope and independence in determining what kinds of recommendations to make to fulfill the mandate provided by the Minister.