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Subject: Energy Transformation Network of Ontario (ETNO) - quick synopsis of today's meeting

Hi Peter,

Please find below, a quick synopsis of today's ETNO meeting. I'll follow up with proper meeting minutes at a later date.

Overall, a successful meeting, well attended and with a highly engaging discussion with the EDA.

Regards,

Edward

**Quick synopsis:
Energy Transformation Network of Ontario (ETNO) meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Attendance overall:

- Very high, with almost all active members in attendance.

Select Agenda Items of particular interest:

Agenda Item # 1 – DECISION ITEM: Additional amendments to the ETNO *Terms of Reference* and approval of a new Vice-Chair

- **APPROVED:** ETNO Terms of Reference amendments unanimously approved
- **APPOINTED:** David McFadden unanimously appointed to the position of ETNO Vice Chair

Agenda Item # 4 – Guest Speaker: Teresa Sarkesian President and CEO, Electricity Distributors Association and Ray Tracey

- Extensive presentations from both Ray and Teresa
- A lively discussion amongst the group - particularly in the following topic areas:
 - Extensive discussion around Ray's assertion that it is the lack of a DER market, not technical barriers being a major inhibitor to DER participation

- Whether or not LDCs have a natural monopoly over the DER operation and provision of DER data. In this area, Ron Ditz challenged Ray's assumption that the LDC should automatically play the role of Distribution System Operator, touching of an extensive discussion amongst the group.
- Information sharing across DSO platforms to allow open market participation was a key point of discussion.
- Extensive discussion regarding price 'distortions' in the distribution system arising from GA, Fair Hydro Plan, contracted supply agreements, and inappropriate TOU rates. Several members agreed that this should be a future point of discourse for ETNO.
- Harnessing behind-the-meter resources and allowing them to participate in both the wholesale and retail markets

Agenda Item # 5 – DECISION ITEM: Data gathering at the IESO Electricity Summit on June 11th

- **REVISED:** Overall some very useful feedback from the group to simplify the questions for the June 11th Summit.

Agenda Item # 6 – UPDATE ITEM: Corporate Partners Committee Update

- Delivered by Linda Wainwright
- The CPC last met on Thursday, May 10th and is in the process of developing agenda items to be brought back to ETNO in September.
- Third party competition for DER services and the electricity/natural gas interface are key issues of importance to the CPC so far.

Agenda Item # 8– Lunch and Literature Review

- **Suggestions were made for future discussion/investigation by ETNO:**
 - Market Renewal impacts on the future development of DER markets in Ontario – possible IESO presentation requested.
 - Upcoming landmark developments such as the expiration of contracts and the eventual end of the Fair Hydro Plan – how does this affect ETNO's policy recommendations for the longer time horizon?

Upcoming meetings:

- June 11th Electricity Summit
- June 19th – Special Conference call for ETNO to debrief on the Summit and other recent provincial events. Possible 08:00 a.m. start – I'll check with Dianne.
- Next ETNO in-person meeting is on Tuesday, September 18th

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