

On Sep 21, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Rosemarie Leclair <Rosemarie.Leclair@oeb.ca> wrote:

Aleck, I haven't read their whole document but Neil provided a synopsis of 3 main highlights. Much I personally agree with and myself have proposed to govt but would not take a public or oeb view on ie points 1 and 2. But point 3 seems to me to be one that is relevant to my talk and which we should reflect ... because that is exactly why we announced the establishment of an innovation forum that we see replacing the smart grid forums and helping inform the specific actions that will ultimately become oeb priorities in delivering in our strategic agenda or regulatory blueprint...

What do you think? Doable?

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One-pager.

Nothing in the "platform" is specifically addressed by the Proportionate Review project but I think it is worthwhile mentioning that the Platform makes some suggestions around regulatory stream-lining and the OEB's hope is that Proportionate Review helps.

From: Neil Brodie
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http://www.energyontario.ca/images/OEA_Energy_Platform.pdf

The Energy Platform recommendations focus on three key areas:

- 1) Reforming the governance of energy planning
- 2) Optimizing use of existing infrastructure
- 3) Lead regulatory evolution

1) Reforming the governance of energy planning;
 This section focuses on having a predictable energy planning environment in Ontario. The government should set broad goals for the electricity sector in legislation so that it can't be changed easily as government changes. The planning process should be done by the existing energy agencies working with

utilities and incorporating public consultations. All decision making should include a cost-benefit analysis to ensure energy consumers are benefitting from the best option available. And when more generation is needed in the industry it should be sourced on a competitive basis (non-competitive procurement should be reviewed and approved by the OEB)

2) Optimizing use of existing infrastructure

This section focuses on maximizing the use of existing infrastructure to help control costs. Government (provincial and municipal) should develop planning strategies that maximize existing energy infrastructure to help keep costs down. Regulation of DERs™ should be technological and investment neutral. Utilities should manage conservation programs. Utilities, government and the transportation sector should work together on the electrification of the transportation sector.

3) Lead regulatory evolution

Ontario needs to adopt regulatory best practices. The OEB, government and stakeholder should work together to identifying regulatory barriers to adoption of cost-effective, innovative low-carbon technologies and DERs™ to enhance reliability and resilience while lowering cost. Coordination of policy and regulatory consultations should occur across government and agencies with a minimum of six months notice provided for new rules and regulations. Introduce performance-based regulation specifying outcomes or objectives so utilities can chose the course of action to meet them. This allows utilities to be cost-effective and innovative. Agencies should report the cost burden imposed on the sector and the benefits those costs achieve so their performance can be measured and opportunities to reduce costs can be identified.

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