

Contractor Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting

September 12, 2024
1:00pm Via Zoom

Present:

Contractors	ESA	MPBSD	Regrets
Chris Ruber (Chair) Mat Scratch (Vice-Chair) Dave Ackison Shawn Blacklock Ryan Delisle Joe Kurpe Doug McGinley Jeff Scott Scott Yemen	Gabriel Bone Declan Doyle Serge LaFlamme Eric Kingston Mel Pace Alicia Smith	Esther Turner	James McKellar

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome and Preliminaries</p> <p>Chair opened the meeting and welcomed meeting participants.</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared.</p> <p>The minutes from the June 11 meeting were circulated for review. To provide additional time to review, the approval for these minutes can follow this meeting.</p> <p>Regarding committee membership, further to CoAC membership e-mail correspondence, Ryan Delisle was added to the committee as an independent member. Further acknowledging and thanking Jeff Scott for his service, as he is resigning as a member and joining the ESA Board of Directors. Advice from ECAO will be sought for a replacement on the committee.</p> <p>Review of Prior Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Emily Larose to return after year end to give presentation on AMPs: CARRY-OVER- Regulatory to be invited to future CoAC to discuss ways to get code changes/bulletins to contractors sooner: CARRY-OVER	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ESA to update CoAC on concerns voiced about inspector coverage, standardizing communications, bulletin timeliness and remote inspection: CARRY-OVER	
2.	<p>Temporary Services (including Fees)</p> <p>Committee members voiced their concerns over the lack of clarity on temporary services, including the specific challenge regarding transfer of ownership. ESA representatives spoke to the specifics of how a transfer of ownership for temporary services is accomplished through the Customer Service Centre, and offered to clarify the practice in the next issue of PluggedIn (to be produced in November).</p>	
3.	<p>Off-Grid Compliance</p> <p>Committee members voice their concerns about gaps relating to off-grid compliance. Members had examples of homeowners using uncertified equipment, and then request help from LECs to install. This issue continues when the LEC asked for certifications, or refused to connect the equipment, that the homeowner will then appeal to unlicensed individuals to might complete the installation. There also cases where those in unorganized townships do not recognize the need for permits. ESA spoke to some of their outreach to municipalities to try and raise awareness and close gaps between the need for building permits and electrical permits. Committee members proposed that the ESA can provide more information to fire departments about the risks from unapproved products. Further, members asked for greater public education on approved products and the need for electrical permits.</p>	
4.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Vice-Chair was speaking to challenges relating to their Plan Review submissions for Energy Storage Systems. There have been challenges relating to the submission of the Customer Impact Assessment or the LDC acknowledgement. ESA clarified what is required to submit a project for Plan Review, noting that ESA can clarify the requirement with any LDC as needed. CoAC Members further asked if the ESA was considering raising the 10kW threshold needing a Plan Review submission, and ESA commented that it is not under consideration, but they will stay</p>	

	connected on this topic, and work with industry partners to stay aligned in these types of thresholds.	
5.	<p>OESC Implementation Update</p> <p>The ESA provided an overview to CoAC on the implementation steps for the OESC, anticipated to be in effect for May 1, 2025.</p>	
6.	<p>New Business</p> <p>CoAC Members reviewed the list of future topics, and highlighted a number of topics for future consideration including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- an update on Administrative Penalty Orders- the ESA ONMobile App, and challenges faced by LECs- a discussion on RBO- improving communication between Technical Advisors, Inspectors and LECs	
7.	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Having completed the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.</p>	