

ERO 019-9300 – Potential Changes to Cost Responsibility for Certain Electricity System Connection Infrastructure for High Growth Areas

The following table contains consolidated comments prepared by staff in the Planning, Economic Development and Climate Change Initiatives Divisions of the Planning and Economic Development Department as well as the Energy Initiatives section of the Public Works Department.

ERO 019-9300 Guiding Questions	
Question	Comments
What criteria should be considered when determining which projects would be subject to new allocation of costs or financial risk? What types of projects should be subject? (see details below for examples of the types of projects that could be considered)	Considerations should only be given to orderly development occurring within existing municipal urban boundaries as established through an Official Plan to ensure costs for developments occurring outside of these areas are not being facilitated at the expense of taxpayers.
What approach should the regulation or regulations take to fairly allocate costs and financial risks between specific connecting customers and ratepayers?	It is important for the province to work closely with municipalities to understand where growth is occurring and plan for the anticipated energy needs.
What controls should be put in place to ensure that the proposed amendments do not lead to over-building, and to minimize risk to ratepayers, i.e. the risk of stranded assets?	