



Land Matters Group



Land Matters Groups Advisory Committee (LMG AC) Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting
30 April 2024

In Attendance:

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Canadian Federation of Agriculture	[Redacted]
New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners (NBFWO)	[Redacted]
Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec (UPA)	[Redacted]
BC Farmers Information Service	[Redacted]
Ontario Federation of Agriculture	[Redacted]
Alberta Farmers' Advocate Office	[Redacted]
TC Energy	[Redacted]
International Right of Way Association	[Redacted]
Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)	[Redacted]
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)	[Redacted]
Canada Energy Regulator (CER) (LMG PWG)	[Redacted]

Absent:

[Redacted]

1) Filing manual updates – Guide A.4 Land Matters

Speaker: [REDACTED]

Overview:

CER staff presented a Filing Manual 101 document, examples of land matters submissions in applications, and a proposed draft of Guide A.4. Participants overall impressions were that the proposed updates to the text made it easier to follow and understand. Most of the discussion and feedback was centered on the new sub-section on compensation methodology. The impact of this feedback will inform the proposed updates to the text of Guide A.4, as well as the broader Filing Manual project.

Discussion

- Feedback: it is difficult to compare the older filing manual document to the modified version due to changes to the headings.
- Suggestion to list/clarify which sections of the [CER Act](#) are being followed in the Filing Manual.
- Members discussed the pros and cons of providing more details about compensation:
Challenges could include a variety of processes for each company: if a process is included in an application, this means the company would be committed to it even if the context or needs necessitated a change during the project phase.
- A timeline for the next phase of the engagement timeline for the filing manual was requested. A CER representative responded that a fixed date has not yet been set.
- It was noted that there are capacity and resource inequities between landowners and companies. Industry may be able to afford a higher level of expertise, when compared to the capabilities of most landowners. Language in the Filing Manual should reflect this.

Actions

- The Filing Manual project working group will revise the draft based on feedback received.
- Updated draft will be shared with the LMG AC via the project page on CER Dialogue.