

# Feedback Form

## Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF): Focused Engagement Session #3 – April 24, 2024

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Following the April 24, 2024 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by **May 10, 2024**.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.





During the session, the IESO shared a number of proposed guiding principles to help inform Indigenous participation design features under the TSF – Do you have any feedback on the proposed principles (slides 24-25), or responses to the discussion questions posed (slides 26-29)?

Slide 24 - #1 & #2 should include engage with First Nations Organizations such as GCT3

Slide 25 - #3: For projects under the TSF, applicable Indigenous communities “AND ORGANIZATIONS” should be given the opportunity to participate in the development, construction and/or long-term operation of the Facility. GCT3 needs to be ensure the development of the project follows MAI and that the energy project is assessed by TPU staff when it is received via the GCT3 Applications Portal. TPU staff also assess Environmental Assessments and other regulatory processes, where applicable.

Slide 25 - #4: Capacity building for GCT3 (Indigenous Organization) to meaningfully engage with IESO and developers, and participate in projects under TSF is mentioned – That’s good!

Clarity around what the capacity building is- should include capacity building that is recommended by Treaty #3 communities, not prescribed by the IESO.

Where a situation exists when a potential energy project is being proposed in Treaty #3 that involves “Indigenous Ownership or Ownership/Equity or partnership” of an energy company (i.e. Multiple FN’s partnership with energy company) and other First Nation communities, which are non-members of the company, all parties will adhere to MAI protocols as well as Nibi declaration, and GCT3 will be involved throughout the duration of the project to ensure that all environmental rights are being followed.

Follow Manito Aki Inaakonigewin for all Energy Projects in Treaty #3 (see below example)

**Below are some points of interest from GCT3’s MAI Protocol. These protocols pertain to all potential projects in Treaty #3. All member Treaty #3 communities**

Contact Grand Council early regarding pre-consultation meetings and be open about expected timeframes and real deadlines

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND COUNCIL**

The Grand Council has a responsibility to facilitate the consultation on behalf of the Nation.

### **OBJECTIVES OF CONSULTATION**

The Grand Council and the proponents should, through consultation:

Understand potential effects of the development on the environment in Treaty #3 territory and on the rights of the Anishinaabe;

Determine conditions of authorization; and

Seek a mutually beneficial continuing relationship between the proponents and the Anishinaabe.

### **CONSULTATION ABOUT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS**

The proponents of a proposed development should initiate consultation before preparing engineering or construction plans for development.

### **APPLICATION AND DISCLOSURE**

A proponent should apply in writing for consultation, and the application should disclose the potential effects of the development on the environment in Treaty #3 territory and on the exercise of rights of the Anishinaabe or propose a process for determining the potential effects.

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENTS**

The Executive Council may by resolution issue to the proponent an authorization for a development.

The resolution should specify, and is subject to, such conditions of authorization as the Executive Council in consultation with the proponents deems may assist in promoting good governance, conserving the environment within Treaty #3 territory and protecting rights of the Anishinaabe.

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<p>What is the preferred level of prescriptiveness of Indigenous participation design features under the TSF (eg. develop for each procurement under the TSF, or develop overarching policy for all procurements under the TSF)?</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

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<p>How should the IESO think about timing associated with Indigenous partnerships within a competitive transmission procurement (e.g. Partnerships formed before a bid is submitted, post-bid, or post-energization)?</p>	<p>GCT3 should be informed of any potential energy project in Treaty #3 prior to a RFP going out. GCT3 should be involved with energy project information sharing between all Treaty #3 communities. GCT3 also have member community businesses lists where procurement is concerned. This should be sent out to Treaty #3 businesses prior to opening up to a competitive bidding process to allow partnerships and engagements.</p>

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<p>What are the barriers to Indigenous communities assessing and understanding participation options for future transmission projects (and how might the IESO help address those barriers)?</p> <p>Are there any other challenges communities have experienced with respect to participating in new electricity projects, or other infrastructure?</p>	<p>Treaty #3 communities currently do not have adequate access to participate in these processes. The lack of capacity is creating barriers for Treaty #3 to fully participate.</p>

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Are communities supportive of an Indigenous Advisory Committee?	GCT3 is supportive of an Indigenous Advisory Committee if IESO can commit to capacity funding to sustain a GCT3 staff member actively participating. There should be a Treaty #3 Regional Advisory Committee for Treaty #3 projects only.

## General Comments/Feedback

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