

Feedback Form

Transmitter Selection Framework – November 22, 2023

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Following the November 22, 2023 Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF) engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from 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 by **December 15, 2023.** 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.

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<p>Does the proposed engagement plan to support the IESO’s work on the Transmitter Selection Framework appear sufficient and reasonable to enable your participation? Do you have any specific feedback that the IESO should consider when undertaking engagements to support development of the TSF?</p>	<p>OPG advises incorporating flexibility into transmission planning given the changing nature of demand forecasts, and the IESO’s current transmission planning lifecycle of 4-10 years. A flexible transmission planning structure will be critical for incorporating and adjusting for additional information related to transmission needs as the process unfolds.</p> <p>Opportunities to reduce timelines for critical infrastructure build out should be pursued. Identifying key transmission needs is the first step to building out thorough Indigenous and Community engagement and ensuring conversations are guided by principles of reconciliation and partnership. Next steps, including preliminary environmental assessments, design, and stakeholder conversations can follow. The transmission planning process should be fluid, consider supply sites and load growth areas and preserve timelines required for a reliable system.</p> <p>Ontario needs to move forward with investment in transmission developments as further delays will compromise appropriate environmental assessments and coordination of buildouts that are required to not overload the lines.</p>

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<p>Are you interested in participating in the Focused Working Group, and/or do you have other suggestions for facilitating stakeholder and community input in a focused manner?</p>	<p>OPG would like to view the terms of reference and be apprised of the findings of the focus group. This information should be made available to all stakeholders.</p>

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Do you have any initial feedback regarding the proposed engagement buckets (i.e. Technical Design and Performance Considerations, Policy Design Considerations, and Commercial Considerations), or the development of the TSF more broadly?	Click or tap here to enter text.

General Comments/Feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Transmitter Selection Framework.

OPG is supportive of the IESO's engagement initiative on the launching and development of a Transmitter Selection Framework.

A competitive selection process could facilitate better, more transparent ratepayer outcomes as long as the process does not delay any of the critical infrastructure projects.

The goal is to have a robust, reliable, and flexible transmission grid which would be better achieved through a competitive landscape. An example of this is the Watanykaneyap Transmission Project that is led by Indigenous communities. It would be prudent to engage other interested and qualified transmitters in a timely manner to avoid delays.

With the potential increase in demand due to decarbonization, generation buildouts will be required at multiple sites as indicated by IESO's P2D report. It is clear from the P2D report that 500kV reinforcements will be needed across the GTA.

A robust transmission grid is crucial and should also consider including the transmission requirements for multiple generation site buildouts to support the demand increase due to the move to decarbonization. An example of this is the work being considered for the Gatineau corridor. This corridor will potentially see multiple generation site buildouts in the future, so a fluid flexible approach for this corridor should be considered.

As per the wording on your presentation material from the November 22, 2023 Engagement, IESO recognizes that some projects are more appropriately completed by existing transmitters. For these projects it would be prudent to identify these upfront; provide approximate schedules and costs if available; and outline the rationale or analysis on why existing transmitters are the preferred path forward. All outcomes should be communicated publicly and in an open and transparent manner.

