

2019 Achievable Potential Study Call for Advisory Group Members

February 8, 2018

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), collectively the Project Team, are planning to conduct an integrated electricity and natural gas conservation achievable potential study (APS) to be completed by June 2019. The main objective of the APS is to identify and quantify energy savings (electricity and natural gas) and GHG emission reductions and associated costs from demand side resources for the period of 2019-2038. The integrated study will be designed to dynamically consider a range of optimized scenarios to better inform policy direction as well as informing the development of future conservation frameworks, program planning and long-term resource planning.

The Project Team will work together on project procurement, delivery and management as well as stakeholder engagement components of the study. Stakeholder engagement activities are discussed in the stakeholder engagement plan and will aim to ensure that stakeholders and communities understand the purpose and scope of the APS, and can inform and provide comment on the initial plan and throughout the course of the study.

An APS Advisory Group will provide a forum for stakeholder members to provide input and advice on the APS and for the Project Team to communicate study updates. The APS Advisory Group will aim to meet monthly and will consist of at least 12 members in total with the following representation:

- four electricity distributors, where possible representing different size utilities and different regions
- two natural gas utilities
- four consumers and/or associations representing a mix of sectors
- two consultants, service providers/delivery agents and/or manufacturers that are engaged in conservation and demand management
- Project Team (IESO - Chair, OEB)

The Advisory Group may also include observers from:

- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Green Ontario Fund
- Environmental Commissioner's Office

The following table outlines the proposed engagement schedule for the APS:

Timing	Engagement Activity	Audience(s)
Feb 8, 2018	Communicate a “call for nominations” for the APS Advisory Group	Public
Feb 21, 2018	Deadline for applications for the APS Advisory Group	Public
Feb 28, 2018	Confirm successful APS Advisory Group members	Applicants to APS Advisory Group
Mar 21, , 2018	First APS Advisory Group meeting to provide input into the scope of work for the procurement	APS Advisory Group
Mar 28, 2018	First Open (public) engagement on the APS scope of work	Public
June 2018	Consultant contract in place	Successful vendor
June 2018 - June 2019	APS Advisory Group monthly meetings	APS Advisory Group
June 2018 - June 2019	Open (public) engagement at key study milestones (approximately quarterly)	Public

A draft Terms of Reference for the advisory group and a draft engagement plan are posted and open for comment on the [engagement webpage](#). At this time, interested participants are invited to:

- Request to be included on the APS Advisory Group by emailing their CV and outlining how their qualifications can contribute to the Advisory Group objectives.
- Request to be considered as a registered observer for Advisory Group meetings.
- Submit feedback on the draft engagement plan or APS Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

All requests and feedback must be submitted to engagement@ieso.ca by February 21, 2018.