

2019 Achievable Potential Study Engagement Plan

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I. Introduction

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 energy efficiency and conservation for the period of 2018-2038. Additional details on the APS's background, objectives, outputs and governance can be found in the project charter, which is posted on the [APS engagement webpage](#).

This engagement plan outlines the objectives, approach, timeline and considerations for engaging stakeholders in the APS. This engagement plan may be subject to review and update as the process evolves. All comments and enquiries on this engagement can be directed to engagement@ieso.ca.

II. Engagement Objectives

The objectives of this engagement are 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.

The Project Team is looking for stakeholder and community input to ensure the study is comprehensive, rigorous and incorporates the objectives of the APS as stated in the applicable ministerial directions. Engagement is also critical to understand the needs and potential uses of the APS from various stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Energy, the Green Ontario Fund, Local Distribution Companies (LDCs), gas utilities, etc.

III. Stakeholders and Communities

The Project Team encourages all interested parties to participate in this engagement through both the APS Advisory Group and the public engagement sessions described in the Approach section below. The Project Team anticipates that this initiative will be of particular interest to LDCs, gas utilities, electricity and natural gas consumers, energy efficiency and demand management service providers, delivery agents, and manufacturers.

IV. Approach

The implementation of this engagement plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved [engagement principles](#).

This is a public engagement process. All materials will be posted on the IESO's APS engagement webpage dedicated to this initiative.

The approach for this engagement initiative includes opportunities to provide input through various channels such as face-to-face meetings, webinars, information sessions, conference calls and/or written feedback. The project team will consider all relevant input and illustrate how feedback was considered to shape the stated objectives and/or next steps.

Stakeholder engagement on the 2019 APS will be divided into three phases.

Phase 1: Establishment of Achievable Potential Study Advisory Group

Through a call for applications (via invitation by email, the weekly LDC e-Blast and the IESO Bulletin) as well as the OEB's communication channels, the Project Team established an APS Advisory Group that will provide support and advice to inform the study.

APS Advisory Group Members
LDCs
Jeff Quint, Waterloo North Hydro
Andy Armitage, Thunder Bay Hydro
George Katsuras, Hydro One
Michael Marchant, Toronto Hydro
Sean Meleschuk, Utilities Kingston
Gas Utilities
Drew Everett, Union Gas
Daniel Johnson, Enbridge
Consumers / Consultants / Delivery Agents
Bala Gnanam, BOMA Toronto
JJ Knott, Healthcare Energy Leaders Ontario (HELO)
Shahid Naem, Peel District School Board
Ian Jarvis, Enerlife Consulting Inc.
Michael Lio, Buildability
Ryan Shaw, ClearRESULT

Project Team
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APS Advisory Group Observers
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Clarence Cheng (delegate Saurabh Yadav), MOECC
Mehdi Hosseini, Green Ontario Fund
Kyra Bell-Pasht, Environmental Commissioners Office
Samantha Byers, Enbridge
Haris Ginis, Union Gas

In accordance with the timeline set out in Section V below, the APS Advisory Group will observe terms of reference so that members understand the mandate of the group and commitment required. An open invitation of membership supported the Project Team’s selection process and goal of achieving representation from the identified stakeholder groups.

Phase 2: Public and Advisory Group Meetings on the APS Scope of Work

The first meetings for the APS Advisory Group and first public open engagement focused on collecting stakeholder input on the scope of work for the APS which was used in the Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure a vendor to conduct the APS. All APS Advisory Group meeting materials and minutes will be posted on the APS engagement webpage.

Phase 3: On-going Public and Advisory Group Meetings

Once a vendor has been contracted and the study commenced, the Project Team will hold both APS Advisory Group meetings and public engagement sessions throughout the APS to obtain input from all stakeholders as a critical task to the success of the study.

V. Proposed Engagement Schedule

Timing	Engagement Activity	Audience(s)
Feb 8, 2018	Communicate a “call for nominations” to 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
May 31, 2018	Second APS Advisory Group meeting	APS Advisory Group
July 2018	Consultant contract in place	Successful vendor
July 2018 – July 2019	APS Advisory Group monthly meetings	APS Advisory Group
July 2018 – July 2019	Open (public) engagement at key study milestones (approximately quarterly)	Public