

Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot – Feedback Form

Proposed revisions to timeline and meter data requirements

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Following the March 23rd public webinar on the **Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot**, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) posted an additional communication on May 19, 2020, and is seeking additional feedback from stakeholders on two areas of the EE Auction Pilot design: 1) A proposed revised timeline responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis, and 2) Options to encourage successful auction participants to voluntarily provide hourly meter data from facilities.

The referenced communication can be found on the [Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot engagement webpage](#) under the May 19th, 2020 entry.

Please provide feedback by June 9, 2020 to engagement@ieso.ca. Please use subject header: *Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot Feedback*. To promote transparency, this feedback will be posted on the [Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot engagement webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

Feedback received will be considered in order to finalize the timeline and meter data requirement. The IESO will work to consider and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the engagement webpage.

Thank you for your time.

Question	Feedback
<p>Does the new proposed timeline enable stakeholders to participate in the pilot auction?</p> <p>If not, please explain why not and suggest an alternative timeline.</p>	<p>We are in favour of the proposed auction timeline, however our concern from the outset was the long timeline between the auction and the obligation period. We would suggest holding to the original timeline for the obligation periods, with the new auction dates.</p> <p>Given that this is a pilot, we would expect that the primary intention is to test the viability of various delivery methods – not necessarily maximize the kW results. For us, we would seek to optimize the risk vs. outcomes, i.e. if that means bidding a lower kW value for an earlier Obligation Period we would take that trade-off.</p>
<p>Aside from financial incentives, how could IESO encourage successful auction participants to voluntarily provide hourly meter data for their facilities?</p>	<p>If LDCs are involved, as the parties providing feedback to date would suggest is likely, it seems possible that you could get voluntary access to facility interval meter data, for a sample of customers, without making it a program requirement. In our experience, most customers are open to the use of their data for the purposes of a program that they're participating in, so long as the appropriate protections are in place.</p>

General Comments/Feedback:

We have followed this engagement and reviewed feedback from other parties, who have raised a number of concerns. These concerns seem normal, since the IESO's innovative approach to market-based energy efficiency programming is unlikely to be broadly accepted at its outset. Hence the need for a pilot. For our part, we are looking forward to participating in the EE Auction Pilot.