

Industrial Accelerator Program (IAP) Program Payment Transition to Market

IESO Response to Stakeholder Feedback

The IESO requested feedback from stakeholders following the February 2 webinar for transitioning the payment of IAP conservation incentives to the IESO Market Invoice process. The IESO's response to stakeholder feedback received following that webinar is captured below.

Please let us know if you have any other questions at engagement@ieso.ca

1. Feedback, General Motors

It would appear that the payment transition to the market invoice decision has already been made after reading the documentation. Unfortunately for a large company like General Motors, this "credit" on the utility invoice will possibly be lost in the cost of the commodity. For us, the project funding that is used to administer energy conservation initiatives and projects is separate from how our utility bills get paid. Although I can't speak for the department that administers the project funds, I am assuming this will add some additional work internally for us to transfer the funds from the utility accounts to reimburse the project. We will also need to ensure that the cost of electricity is adjusted in our reports and tracking mechanisms so that it is not artificially inflated. I am disappointed that it cannot be kept separate but I understand the benefit to the IESO.

IESO Response

The IESO acknowledges the fact that this process change would involve greater interaction among internal departments for some IAP Participants. If the proposed change is adopted, conservation contract payments will be clearly identified on the IESO invoice. This change is being proposed in response to requests the IESO has received from IAP customers requesting that we flow conservation funds through the IESO invoice mechanism.

2. Feedback, Vale

Regarding the new changes to the funding appearing as a credit on our IESO invoice, we would like to request a summary corresponding to the credit line item that provides detail with respect to the funding credit. In the case where more than one incentive payment is issued on the same invoice, we would need to know how much to allocate to each project/department.

IESO Response

On the 20th day of each billing month, an IAP monthly settlement statement, if any, will be sent to the IAP Participant via email. The statement will contain individual line items for each IAP invoice submitted by the Participant to allow for cross referencing of credits that appear on the IESO invoice to the payments for specific IAP contracts.