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The IESO is working on finalizing recommendations as part of two electricity planning initiatives underway to continue to address an unprecedented level of agricultural growth in Southwest Ontario. An engagement webinar will be held on July 15 at 2 p.m. to provide an update on these studies and seek input on options and recommended solutions. To register, email engagement@ieso.ca. Materials will be provided in advance.

The IESO will seek input on the potential options being examined through a regional study on the local electricity infrastructure primarily in the Town of Kingsville and Municipality of Learnington. The IESO will also invite feedback on the draft recommendations of a broader study to address emerging electricity needs spanning a wider geographic area west of the City of London.

The IESO has been engaging with local communities and regional <u>stakeholders</u> since 2018 to better understand and plan for the future electricity needs. Most recently, a <u>virtual meeting</u> was hosted in November 2020 to seek input into the electricity needs and potential solutions, and subsequently in March to discuss a <u>new</u> <u>transmission line</u> between Lambton and Chatham to support high growth in the area.

Given the rate of growth, the implementation of a variety of solutions is already underway including investments in conservation programs, innovative pilot projects, sector studies and recommendations for new infrastructure. More information about this is <u>online</u>.

Thank you,

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