

Memorandum

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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Chair, IESO Technical Panel

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Subject: IESO Business Update – Technical Panel

This memorandum serves as an update on the matters currently before the IESO Technical Panel* (TP) for discussion and advice.

At its April 26 meeting, TP members discussed an updated draft of the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) designed to align the IESO Technical Panel (TP) process with the IESO stakeholder engagement framework. The discussion included a review of how stakeholder feedback was considered to shape the latest version of the ToR. Feedback received from members of the TP and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee as well as from the broader stakeholder community resulted in three main themes: governance, observers at meetings and the composition of the Panel. The IESO agreed with stakeholders on the importance of a clear purpose and mandate of the TP and its role within the market rule amendment process, acknowledged a broader role for observers at meetings and presented a new composition structure. For the most part, Panel members were amendable to the proposed changes - their comments from the meeting will accompany the proposed ToR for the IESO Board's consideration.

The Technical Panel also discussed two proposed market rule amendment submissions:

- The Real-Time Generation Cost Guarantee – Cost Recovery Framework submission identifies the need for market rule amendments to enable a new cost recovery framework for the real-time generation cost guarantee (RT-GCG) program. The changes

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are expected to increase the transparency of costs eligible to be submitted by market participants for recovery under the program, as well as reduce the scope and frequency of audits. This proposal is based on the RT-GCG Program Cost Recovery Framework [stakeholder engagement](#). The Panel determined this submission warrants consideration, and detailed rule language will be brought to a subsequent Technical Panel meeting.

- The Treatment of Confidential Information Related to Reliability Based Power System Studies and Transmission Service Charges submission identifies the need for market rule amendments to explicitly allow the IESO to share reliability based confidential information directly to, or to a consultant of, a market participant, a connection applicant, or a person planning on constructing or modifying a facility for the purposes of completing reliability based power system studies. In addition, it is proposed to eliminate the requirement for the IESO to advise every market participant affected by the disclosure of confidential information to an Ontario transmitter where such disclosure is required for transmitters to manage, operate and maintain their transmission system in a safe and reliable manner or for the reconciliation of applicable transmission service charges. After discussing the proposed rule amendment, the Panel requested comments from the broader stakeholder community. Following the TP meeting, stakeholders were invited to provide comments by May 19 on the related market rule amendment proposal [MR-00426-R00](#) to rule.amendments@ieso.ca

For more information or to review the materials for these initiatives visit the IESO Technical Panel webpage at www.ieso.ca/tp.

Yours truly,

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