

Memorandum

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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Subject: IESO Business Update – Stakeholder & Community Engagement

This memorandum provides an update on recent IESO engagement initiatives, including updates on regional and community engagement, First Nation and Métis Relations, the IESO Technical Panel, planning engagement initiatives, the energy storage advisory group, the renewable distributed generation integration fund as well as an update on the governance and decision making engagement.

Updates on active stakeholder engagement initiatives can be found in the monthly [Engagement Update](#) or on the [Active Engagements webpage](#).

Regional and Community Engagement Update

For the last quarter of 2018, regional and community engagement efforts will focus on two Regional Electricity Forums to be held in the Waterloo region on November 8 and in Timmins on November 22 and two forums to be held in Thunder Bay and Kingston in the spring of 2019.

Building on the success of last year's forums, the IESO will visit different communities with the objectives of enhancing existing relationships and building new ones with customers, communities and businesses in each region. Conversations will focus on the evolving electricity sector, its impact on regional needs and how communities can get involved. The IESO will encourage a dialogue and seek feedback on how local needs and characteristics can factor into regional and provincial electricity planning through two main interactive discussions:

- **Aligning Regional and Local Energy Planning** – A panel discussion on how to align planning at the system, regional and community levels. An examination of community energy plans and how they impact local and regional planning processes.
- **Connected Communities** – Tabletop discussions to encourage diverse perspectives on community-based approaches to meeting energy needs. The feedback will be collected and will

inform future engagement efforts for the development of the next long term planning initiative for the region.

New to this year's forums, the IESO will hold open houses the evening before the events to provide information about the IESO and the agenda topics to help prepare participants for the next day. The open houses and the forums will contribute to a broader objective of building education capacity in communities to create a foundation for community engagement.

Meeting materials, including agenda will be available on the [Regional Electricity Forum webpage](#) as they become available. Any members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee who are interested in attending one of the forums are asked to email communityengagement@ieso.ca for more details.

First Nation and Métis Relations Update

First Nation Energy Symposium

The IESO will host its second annual First Nation Energy Symposium October 22–24 at the Eaton Chelsea in Toronto. The Symposium will cover a broad range of topics including community energy planning, success stories from the 20/20 Catalyst program, building community capacity and energy resiliency, community energy efficiency and innovative projects. The Symposium will also include opportunities for the IESO to build awareness of initiatives such as regional planning, bulk planning and transmission procurement. The agenda as well as additional details can be found at the [First Nations Energy Symposium Webpage](#). The IESO is also working with the Métis Nation of Ontario to host a similar Métis Energy Symposium.

Indigenous Energy Hub

The IESO is developing an Indigenous Energy Hub, which will serve as a website for First Nation and Métis communities to gather information on energy programs, conservation programs, educational materials and funding support materials. Content for the Hub will be translated into Ojibway, Cree, and Oji-Cree. The translated materials will be made available for posting in community centers and band offices to promote participation in these programs as well as to help build awareness of energy education amongst various levels of students. The IESO will be pre-launching the Hub and gathering feedback and input from communities at the First Nations Energy Symposium. The Indigenous Energy Hub has an anticipated launch date of January 2019.

Technical Panel

The Technical Panel (TP) proposes and reviews amendments to the Market Rules, and as requested, advises the IESO Board of Directors on specific technical issues relating to the operation of the IESO-administered market. Members of the TP are representative of stakeholders in Ontario's electricity sector. A current list of membership can be found on the [Technical Panel Membership webpage](#).

In response to a call for nominations for two vacancies on the IESO Technical Panel (TP), the IESO Board of Directors appointed the following candidates representing the Generator and Consumer constituencies respectively:

- Market Participant Generators: Vlad Urukov, Director - Generation Revenue and Planning at Ontario Power Generation
- Market Participant Consumers: David Forsyth, Energy Management Consultant at Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario

For more information, visit the Technical Panel [webpage](#).

IESO Engagement Initiative on Governance and Decision-Making

An engagement initiative on IESO governance and decision-making commenced in August to explore and potentially propose enhancements to governance/decision-making framework to the IESO Board of Directors. The Advisory Group has begun meeting to discuss proposed enhancements. The Group membership is available on the engagement [webpage](#).

The group will continue to meet throughout the fall. At the conclusion of the initiative, the third party facilitator, Moving Forward, will provide a summary report of the discussions which will contain the IESO recommendations. That report will be presented to the December IESO Board of Directors meeting.

Planning Engagements

The IESO is undertaking engagement initiatives on a number of the IESO's planning processes to inform and seek feedback from stakeholders and communities. The work of these initiatives are being informed by jurisdictional scans.

Formal Integrated Bulk System Planning Process

This initiative was introduced at the Sept. 13 [Technical Planning Conference](#). This engagement will launch in November with a dedicated engagement webpage. A joint regional and bulk planning webinar is scheduled to occur on November 23. To register [click here](#).

Regional Planning Process Review

This initiative is underway with a Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) that has been established and will perform an advisory role to support and assist the process review. At this time, work continues on a non-wires analysis, as well as the identification of barriers to non-wires solutions. A joint regional and bulk planning webinar is scheduled to occur on November 23. To register [click here](#).

Competitive Transmission Procurement Process

An introduction to the development of a competitive transmission procurement process was presented at the September 13 [Technical Planning Conference](#) including hosting a transmission procurement panel with speakers from other jurisdictions. An RFP has been issued for advice on the transmission design standards. The engagement webpage has been launched with an engagement plan and technical backgrounder. A public webinar is scheduled to occur on October 30. To register [click here](#).

Customer Reliability Review

The IESO are planning to review and report on the technical criteria used to assess customer reliability and supply security in order to identify and evaluate options for local area enhancements. At this time data gathering work and industry outreach is ongoing. This engagement will launch in November with a dedicated engagement webpage.

Transmission Assets End-of-Life Process

A coordinated, cost-effective, long-term approach to replacing transmission assets at end-of-life will begin engagement with community and stakeholders in November with a dedicated engagement webpage. Draft documents of the transmission assets end-of-life process are currently under review and will be discussed at the November meeting of the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group. A public webinar is scheduled to occur on November 19. To register [click here](#).

Renewable Distributed Generation Integration Fund

The IESO would like to thank all stakeholders and communities that have participated in the early development of Virtual Net Metering pilots under the IESO's Renewable Distributed Generation Integration Fund (RDGIF). The IESO will not be proceeding with Virtual Net Metering pilots as the [updated regulations](#) do not enable Virtual Net Metering as had previously been contemplated. Any future information regarding the status of the RDGIF will be communicated by the RDGIF email distribution list and on the engagement [webpage](#).

Energy Storage Advisory Group

The [Energy Storage Advisory Group \(ESAG\)](#) has met four times to identify potential storage obstacles; develop criteria to guide the determination of obstacles to fair competition; develop principles to guide the development of mitigation strategies; and develop the mitigation strategies. At the request of ESAG, the completion date for the project has been extended from September 30 to November 6 to allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the mitigating strategies. Following the November 6 ESAG meeting, this deliverable will be complete.