

IESO and Measurement Canada Memorandum of Understanding

RMSC and MSP User Group

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Background

- The EGIA and related EGIR ascribe certain administrative obligations and responsibilities to a ‘Contractor’ in order to ensure that trade transactions of electricity are performed in compliance with all federal legislative and regulatory requirements, and to facilitate the validation of such compliance by agency officials.
- The term ‘contractor’ as defined with the EGIA does not easily align within the wholesale electricity market structure in Ontario.
- Administrative alternatives relative to the federal legislative application in Ontario’s wholesale electricity market need to be addressed.

Background (con't)

- To enable the Ontario wholesale electricity market to continue to function effectively while maintaining compliance with the intent of the EGIA's administrative requirements as related to the sale of electricity on the basis of measurement, Measurement Canada and the IESO is working together to establish a 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU)

MOU Scope and Objectives

- MOU limited to revenue metering installations form part of the IESO's metering registry and utilized within Ontario's wholesale electricity market.
- Identify the operational and administrative responsibilities of the IESO and Market Participants relative to the administration and application of the EGIA in the Ontario wholesale electricity market.
- Provide a cooperative framework for the administration of MC's and the IESO's regulatory responsibilities as they apply to electricity metering in the Ontario wholesale electricity market.
- Identify information exchange between IESO, Market Participants and Measurement Canada.
- Disclosure of confidential information.

MOU details include

- Meter Identification
- Record Keeping
- Metering Disputes
 - Meter dispute provisions of the EGIA shall be available to a market participant for any trade transaction to which it is a party, only if and once the market participant has exhausted all of its applicable dispute resolution rights and remedies as per market rules.
 - MC role is limited to those concerning the performance of the meter, condition of the meter, registration of the meter and registration of the metering installation , as set out more specifically in MC's Bulletin GEN-43 issued April 18, 2016.
- Cooperation and Information Exchange
- Authorization and Limitations
- Schedule of Record Requirements under the EGIA
 - IESO responsibilities related to the metering registry and metering database
 - Market Participant responsibilities related to meter owner obligations and owner records

Status and Next Steps

- Draft currently under review by both parties
- Open issues include
 - IESO compliance assessment regarding MC standards
 - Agreed demarcation with respect to the declared measurement value
 - Meter identification
 - Confidentiality of information
- Communication to stakeholders will be issued once draft has been finalized.

