

# Memorandum

To: Technical Panel  
From: Robert Doyle  
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Re: Review of Technical Panel Processes and Composition

At the June 25 Technical Panel meeting, the IESO presented a review of the Technical Panel processes and composition in response to a recommendation of the Advisory Group on IESO Governance and Decision-Making. The IESO asked for feedback from Technical Panel members, and received six responses. The IESO delivered a subsequent presentation to the Market Development Advisory Group (MDAG), and received two submissions from MDAG members: the Association of Power Producers of Ontario, and a 34-entity supplier group, represented by Jason Chee-Aloy. All feedback has been posted to the Technical Panel [webpage](#) except for one submission that a Technical Panel member asked to be kept confidential.

The IESO has summarized below the feedback received through written submissions and discussions at the June 25 Technical Panel meeting and June 27 MDAG meeting.

## Technical Panel Composition

### Representation

- Diversity of views on whether the current composition of the Technical Panel is, or needs to be better reflective of the current and/or future marketplace
- Diversity of views on how low volume consumers are, or should be represented at the Technical Panel
- Several opinions on the balance of the composition with respect to market participants and other interests. Multiple parties want the Technical Panel to be reflective of market interests from different sectors, especially from suppliers (e.g. generators, aggregators, storage)
- Multiple submissions recommended a non-IESO co-chair
- The short term appointment process currently outlined in the Terms of Reference should be used where the IESO Board believes the Technical Panel would benefit from having a specialist, or sector representative on a specific market rule amendment proposal

## Member Qualifications

- The primary requirement for members should be knowledge and experience with IESO market rules
- A strength of the Technical Panel is the body of knowledge that members bring within their respective constituencies
- Members should reflect the skills and expertise within their constituency, rather than specific, overarching skill sets (e.g. economics, legal backgrounds or specific professional accreditations)

## Membership

- Varying opinions on the optimal size of Technical Panel with current members preferring the current size, and other stakeholders advocating for additional members (e.g. membership as high as 20-30 members)
- Multiple submissions suggested that the current vacancy could be re-purposed for an additional market participant member
- Identified an opportunity for more diverse geographic representation

## Member Recruitment

- IESO should consider soliciting an external opinion on potential opportunities for additional recruitment channels and/or services that could be used
- The MDAG could be used to recruit and/or formally recommend potential members
- Multiple submissions noted benefits in prospective members having broader sector support to accompany nominations

## **Technical Panel Processes**

Specific feedback was provided on various areas of the Technical Panel process in response to IESO questions raised in its June 25 presentation to Technical Panel.

- Diversity of views on a broader public posting of draft market rules as part of the engagement process
- Technical Panel members who participate in stakeholder engagements should be encouraged to provide specific insights on the review of draft market rule amendments, though outside of the formal governance structure
- Cost-benefit analyses should be included with market rule amendment submissions
- Technical Panel would benefit from having access to external legal counsel in certain situations
- If Technical Panel votes to post a proposed market rule amendment for broader stakeholder review and comment, the request should include specific questions or areas of interest from stakeholders
- The IESO should provide additional clarity in certain areas of the Terms of Reference
- The IESO can provide more context on the options for process and procedure, however, Technical Panel members should be familiar with their responsibilities as set out in the market rules and Terms of Reference

## **Technical Panel Action and Next Steps**

The IESO will use the stakeholder feedback to develop recommendations for a Technical Panel discussion at the September 24 meeting. For that meeting, the IESO will also outline the requirements for implementing the recommendations, (e.g. market rule amendments, market manual changes and other document updates).

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