

DRWG Meetings – May 11, 2017 and May 30, 2017

Feedback and IESO Responses

The table below captures the IESO response to stakeholder feedback received subsequent to meetings held on May 11 and May 30, 2017. The individual feedback items are noted in the respective dates they were received on the DRWG webpage here: <http://www.ieso.ca/en/sector-participants/engagement-initiatives/working-groups/demand-response-working-group>. Individual feedback items on improving utilization of HDR are not recorded in the table below as they are captured in the proposals and options presentations to the DRWG on the May 30 and July 18 sessions.. If you have any further questions or feel the IESO has not adequately responded to your feedback, please contact us at engagement@ieso.ca

Topic	Stakeholder	Feedback	IESO Response
Peaksaver Transition	Alectra	Alectra recognizes that the IESO would like to limit the risk of increasing the auction clearing price if the contribution from peaksaver resources is less than forecasted. One way to mitigate this risk could be to have a block of capacity that is reserved for legacy peaksaver and other residential resources, which would compete only against each other. If this block is not fully subscribed, it would be removed from the auction, rather than being made available to other resources, which would be the case if all resources came from only one pool. This limits the risk of increasing the cost of demand response resources that would be present if the capacity created for residential demand response goes unused, and the capacity is then assigned to higher cost providers.	<i>Thank you for your feedback. The IESO agrees that transitioning the entire allocation of peaksaver resources into the 2017 DR auction could lead to higher auction clearing prices if not all existing peaksaver resources participate. The IESO will make a proposal to transition peaksaver resources into the DR Auction target capacity at the July 18 DRWG meeting.</i>
Peaksaver Transition	OhmConnect	How will third parties access and utilize existing peaksaver devices?	<i>Once the peaksaverPLUS program has ended, third parties may access and utilize peaksaver devices for participation in the DR Auction provided they have</i>

			<p><i>consent from the homeowner.</i></p> <p><i>The IESO encourages stakeholders to continue using the DRWG as a forum for discussion and information sharing. Stakeholders can utilize this forum at future meetings to discuss and share information on the access and utilization of peaksaver devices. The IESO will facilitate these meetings, provide information where available and work with stakeholders on approaches to address outstanding issues.</i></p>
Peaksaver Transition	OhmConnect	To maintain a level and competitive playing field for the upcoming DR Auction, can the IESO facilitate notifications to existing peaksaver customers of potential uses for their peaksaver device once the program is ended?	<p><i>The IESO can publish a notice on its website stating that the peaksaver program has ended and there are opportunities to continue to participate in demand response through a demand response market participant. The list of demand response market participants is published on the IESO site.</i></p>
Peaksaver Transition	EnergyHub	We remain concerned, however, that LDCs (and the incumbent provider) still maintain competitive advantage in their ability to enroll customers with these devices. To remedy this, we suggest that LDCs (and potentially the IESO) include on their website all	<p><i>Consistent with the above response, the IESO can publish on its website that residential customers can participate in</i></p>

		available programs including third-party DR programs. This will ensure competition and the lowest cost option for ratepayers.	<i>demand response through a demand response market participant. This list of demand response market participants is published on the IESO website.</i>
Peaksaver Transition	OhmConnect	OhmConnect encourages the IESO to include all potential megawatts (MWs) from peaksaver resources in the MW target for the upcoming DR Auction.	<i>The IESO will make a proposal to transition peaksaver resources into the DR Auction target capacity at the July 18 DRWG meeting.</i>
Utilization Payment	City of Toronto	<p>The City recommends that the scope shall include an analysis of how a Utilization Payment could support the IESO Goal to “Develop DR and ensure it can compete with traditional sources of supply”.</p> <p>Specifically the consultant should analyze how a Utilization payment would:</p> <p>A) Mitigate against the risk of DRMPs specifying very high prices in order to avoid being scheduled and put on standby</p> <p>B) Increase the economic dispatch of HDR resources to meet the needs of a changing electricity system</p>	<i>Thank you for your feedback on the scope of the “Utilization Payments” discussion paper. These items have been taken into consideration in the revised scope, and will be shared with the DRWG prior to the September DRWG meeting.</i>