

Memorandum

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

From: Chuck Farmer, Director, Stakeholder & Public Affairs
Chair, IESO Technical Panel

Date: August 10, 2016

Subject: IESO Business Update – Technical Panel

The IESO 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-administrated market. Members of the TP are represented by stakeholders in Ontario's electricity sector.

The Technical Panel held two meetings since the last update to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee on May 5, 2016. In those meetings, Panel members discussed and provided input on the following proposed rule amendments:

- **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 allow the IESO to share reliability based confidential information to assist participants in completing reliability based power system studies. At its May 31 meeting, the Panel unanimously recommended the proposed rule changes to the IESO Board for consideration. On June 15, the IESO Board approved the rules which came in effect on July 8, 2016.
- **Real-Time Generation Cost Guarantee – Cost Recovery Framework**
This proposed market rule amendment was designed to enable a new cost recovery framework for the real-time generation cost guarantee (RT-GCG) program. The changes 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. At its August 9 meeting, the Panel reviewed the IESO's response to the feedback from stakeholders on the proposed rule changes. Panel members offered appreciation for the IESO's thoughtful consideration and incorporation of much of the feedback into the

updated rule changes and agreed to defer their advice to the IESO Board until the next meeting. The Panel will be invited to vote to recommend the rule amendment to the IESO Board on September 13.

- **Demand Response (DR) Auction – Capacity Obligation Transfers**

This market rule amendment proposes to allow the transfer of DR capacity between qualified DR auction participants. At the August 9 meeting, Panel members voted unanimously in favour to post the draft rule amendment for comment.

- **Review of Day Ahead Calculation Engine (DACE) Market Rules**

This amendment proposes to make non-material changes (typographical) to the market rules as a result of a recent review of the Day Ahead Calculation Engine. The [review](#) is posted on the IESO website and, at their August 9 meeting, the Panel voted unanimously in favour of considering these proposed amendments at the next TP meeting on September 13.

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