

**IESO Stakeholder Advisory Committee****Review of the IESO Technical Panel and MR Amendment Process - Draft Report****Electricity Service Providers Feedback**

Major recommendations from the Draft Report are as follows:

| <b>Recommendation</b>  | <b>Position</b> |
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| Maintain TP and its duties   | Agree           |
| Create early touch points between stakeholder engagements and the TP   | Agree           |
| TP members should be more proactive in providing input into how applicable stakeholder engagements are shaped  | Agree           |
| Ensure TP is more actively involved within stakeholder engagements by providing more agenda items within TP meetings   | Agree           |
| Remove the procedural step of asking TP members to vote on whether a MRA warrants consideration  | Agree           |
| Retain TP members vote but record votes with reason to ensure respective positions are documented conveying reasons for votes and abstentions                              | Agree           |
| Ameliorate perceptions of unfairness by addressing issues of transparency in the way TPs advice is conveyed to the IESO board  | Disagree        |
| Enhance transparency of written advice to IESO board by asking TP members to vet and sign off on all MRA memos conveying advice and recommendations regarding rule changes | Agree           |
| Have TP members who cast dissenting votes to fully utilize the votes with reason procedure in order to ensure sufficient explanations are provided to the IESO board       | Agree           |
| Maintain IESO representative as a member of TP   | Agree           |
| Restructure TP membership  | Agree           |
| TP chair to be the IESO CEO or delegate  | Agree           |
| IESO should continue to seek highly qualified TP members   | Agree           |
| Document TP members deliberations with their constituents to build a record  | Disagree        |
| Notify and coordinate communications to applicable industry associations   | No position     |

The report arrives at largely practical conclusions and recommendations. Main points of feedback are the following:

1. The increased transparency recommended for members of the TP should also be equally requested of the IESO. The IESO should be required to provide formal, transparent and clear documentation for all decisions in regards to market rule amendments, stating the deliberations as well as the reasons for final decisions. This requirement is even more critical in the event of the IESO overturning the recommendations of the TP.
2. The IESO should have no vote on the TP. As noted in the report, the “voting results are not meant to represent the outcome of a democratic process, but are a component of advice to the IESO board”. Providing the IESO a vote therefore is not only unnecessary to the outcome of market rule amendment recommendations to the IESO board but also serves to distort the advice of stakeholders as the board already receives the advice of IESO senior management.
3. While not addressed directly in the Draft Report, governance is clearly a critical issue that needs to be considered in the context of the TP making recommendations to the IESO that are then overturned. This issue is made more acute with the pending merger of the IESO and the OPA. All stakeholders need an independent and enabled venue to bring forward and challenge decisions that are not just and reasonable or within the scope of the rights of those participants in the province and with the new entity.