

Minutes of Meeting

Date Held: October 10, 2014	Time held: 11:00 am	Location Held: Webex
Invited/Attended	Company Name	Attendance Status: (A)ttended; (R)egrets
Nichols, Ross	Adapt2 Solutions	A
Shum, Patrick	Capgemini	A
Tulett, Kerrie	Capgemini	A
Chihata, Bill	City of Toronto	R
DeLuca, Kristy	EnWin Utilities Ltd.	A
Maddix, Melanie	Goreway Station Partnership	A
Plante, Matthieu	HQ Energy Marketing Inc.	A
Labonte, Benoit	HQ Energy Marketing Inc.	A
Steele, Jim	Kinetiq	A
Sun, Jason	Ontario Power Generation	A
Bulfon, Betty-Ann	Ontario Power Generation	A
Lynch, Kelly	Ontario Power Generation	A
Urukov, Vlad	Ontario Power Generation	A
Peterson, David	Ontario Power Generation	A
Sederias, Florin	Ontario Power Generation	A
Riling, Mike	Ontario Power Generation	R
Yates, Jeremy	Peterborough Utilities	A
Phin, Lisa	Powerconsumer Inc.	A
Savage, Ron	Savage Data Systems Ltd.	A
Everitt, Natalie	Savage Data Systems Ltd.	A
Hilbig, Tom	Sygration	A
Reddy, Madhu	TransAlta	R
Dash, Biswojit	TransAlta	A
Karlicic, Miroslav	Utilismart	A
Jovic, Rado	IESO	A
Hoy, David	IESO	A
Gooch, Steve	IESO	A
Vo, Brian	IESO	A
Mann, Karla	IESO	A
Scribe: <i>David Hoy</i>		
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Summary of Topics Discussed and Areas Covered

Introduction

This report site refresh is an initiative to improve performance, capacity and the way stakeholders access and retrieve IESO reports.

Proposed Solution

Rado Jovic outlined the solution by proposing two phases of upgrades to the Report Site:

1. The first phase of upgrades includes extended service life and capacity of the current Report Site by refreshing the underlying infrastructure (in both hardware and software). No interface changes are deployed during this first phase.
2. The second phase introduces new methods and capabilities to access reports. The new Report Site will offer new user interfaces, and a web services-based API will be made available to stakeholders to program automated report access. This effort will focus on migrating private report access to use the new API.

For both phases of this refresh initiative, a vendor-supplied “Managed File Transfer (MFT) Solution” is leveraged to deploy changes.

1. Question: Miroslav from Utilismart asked if there is a long-term plan to transition all stakeholders away from scraper-based technology for automated report access.

IESO Response: IESO’s goal is to standardize automated report access using the new web services-based API.

2. Question: Tom from Sygration asked which vendor solution was selected by the IESO to support the proposed report site changes.

IESO Response: The IESO issued an RFP for a vendor-supplied “Managed File Transfer Solution”. The RFP was awarded to “Axway Incorporated” for their “Enhanced Managed File Transfer (MFT) Gateway” product.

Plan and Schedule

The following schedule is proposed to deliver the report site changes:

1. Extended Service Life and Capacity for current Report Site – Stakeholders will be asked to test their existing scraper and user interfaces with the refreshed report site prior to planned in-service for Q1, 2015 (January/February timeframe).
2. New Report Access Methods – The IESO will prepare stakeholders for the new automated report access. The IESO will make available a test environment for stakeholders to develop the new API-based programs to replace current report scrapers. Subsequently, a cutover window will be established to conduct Market trials and the release of the new private report access methods in production. The planned in-service timeframe for this change is Q2 to Q3 2015.

Next Steps

1. Input from Stakeholders on ideas, issues and the proposed changes are due by October 24.
2. Update the working group on solutions, schedules and progress related to this Report Site Refresh.
3. Next meeting is targeted for late Q4, this year or early Q1, 2015, if required.