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Working group members provided feedback on the proposed test strategy

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Item #	Respondent Name	Question 1: Would you be interested in participating in testing activities on behalf of your organization?	Question 2: Is two weeks sufficient time to conduct Market Participant Readiness Testing?	Question 3: Do you have any questions or concerns about the proposed test strategy for the new system?	**Category for Questions/Comments	IESO Response
1	GDF Suez NA	Yes.	A month would be preferable.	Not really.	Recommendation	Re answer 2: The IESO has noted the request for a longer test period and will try to adapt the project schedule to accommodate for a month of testing.
2	Goreway Station Partnership	Yes, we would be interested in participating in testing activities.	Two weeks should be sufficient time to conduct testing, provided that the new specifications are released early enough that we can make the required IT changes prior to the test period.	We have no immediate concerns about the proposed test strategy.	Recommendation	Re answer 2: The IESO will work with MW-Web users to help ensure that there is sufficient time and information on the proposed system changes for successful testing and implementation.
3	Ontario Power Generation	Yes, we would like to participate in testing new retrieval methods as earlier as possible. Since our requirements are quite specific, compared to other market participants we expect a close interaction with your IESO SPOCs.	You propose to test say March (previous month) data retrieval and testing, which is great. However we feel that market participant readiness may need more than 2 weeks ideally it should cover a full billing cycle.	As stated before we are pursuing a predetermined extract schedule to match our existing 3 trading day requests (OPG, UMH, LMH). Therefore we expect those extracts to be assembled together with the summary control to reflect the content of each EDI package. We will setup a process to automatically retrieve our meter daily extracts. We also assume that ad hoc manual extract by trade date option will be available.	Recommendation	Re answer 2: As noted above, the IESO will work to accommodate a longer test period. All data and reports that are currently available will continue to be available in the existing formats. Re answer 3: The manual extract by trade date option be available in the new system. The provision of ad hoc reports will depend on the type of data being requested and the time-period of the data itself. More information on the timing and availability of data in the new system can be found in the presentation given at the October 31 working group meeting (http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/consult/se113/se113-20131031-presentation.pdf). Further discussions will be held to ensure participants can provide feedback as part of completing the design.
4	Veridian Connections, Inc	Yes, we would be interested in testing.	Yes, the time is sufficient.	Will the old and the new systems be run in parallel within IESO for any time period, before the new system goes live or will the new system only have testing with historical production data?	Clarification	Re answer 3: The IESO will use historical data for testing. The process will focus on testing the ability of system users to retrieve and disseminate data generated by Oracle LPS. The IESO's test strategy for the new system does not include a formal parallel run. However, each test phase encompasses some form of what would be completed in a formal parallel run. Historical data will be used as input to generate results that can be compared against actual results generated from the existing system. The IESO will execute performance testing to ensure the new solution can handle the current and expected growth of meters and delivery points in the province. A formal test plan will be shared with stakeholders closer to the project's implementation, along with test cases and results. The IESO will seek feedback and approval from working group members on the Market Participant Readiness test plan, which will outline test cases to be completed by those who volunteer to be testers. The IESO has not yet completed the detailed deployment planning. There may be a period of time that the systems are running in parallel as part of the deployment phase. Details will be shared with stakeholders when more information is available.