

DEMAND RESPONSE WORKING GROUP

Overview
Meeting#1

March 29, 2016

Agenda

- Overview and Context
- Terms of Reference
- Response to Feedback

Overview and Context

- The IESO established DRWG in 2014 to:
 - assist in the evolution of DR from a contracted resource into the energy market, and
 - inform the development of pilots and the DR Auction SE
- Refocus the DRWG to an open membership forum with an **enduring advisory role**
- The DRWG will assist the IESO in the evolution of DR in the IESO-administered markets

Terms of Reference

Objectives

- Advise and consult on issues which may impact demand-side participation in the IESO-administered markets
- Advise on the expansion of demand side participation in the DR Auction, including new technologies and sectors
- Ensure that learning and experience of demand resources can be applied to an improved design and features for future auctions and the eventual integration of DR into an incremental capacity auction

Terms of Reference

Composition

- Open membership
- Strive for balance from demand-side participants for participation and feedback (may vary by topic area)
 - May utilize open stakeholder sessions as needed
- May establish sub-committees for specific matters

Terms of Reference

Communications

- DRWG Webpage will be primary vehicle for communications and meeting materials
- IESO will strive to get materials at least one week in advance and minutes posted shortly following meetings
- Feedback and communications via engagement@ieso.ca

Response to Feedback -Governance

Feedback

- Appoint Co-Chair/Vice Chair from membership
- Inclusion of voting/forcing function

IESO Response

- DRWG is meant to serve an advisory role to help inform and shape DR evolution and priorities rather than a voting and/or decision-making body.
 - Governance structure for market rules already includes voting function via technical panel which is not present in conservation-related working groups
- IESO will maintain current ToR governance structure and will strive to adhere to principles of transparency, collaboration and openness.

Feedback –Areas of Study

Feedback

- Explore DR programs in other jurisdictions and look at best practices
- Identify barriers to participation and tools needed to expand DR Participation including LDC role

IESO Response

- Reducing barriers and expanding ability to participate in the auction is a key priority
- IESO will look for stakeholder input in and outside of province to understand challenges and best practices for DR

Feedback –Areas of Study

Feedback

- Develop sub-committee for CBDR issues

IESO Response

- IESO proposes to continue to treat issues related to CBDR direct with MPs on a case-by-case basis
- CBDR issues may be brought forward to DRWG where issues for consideration by a broader stakeholder are warranted