

Comments of OhmConnect, Inc.
In Response to the Demand Response Working Group (DRWG) November 22nd, 2016 Meeting

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1. INTRODUCTION

OhmConnect, Inc. (OhmConnect) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) on the presentations to the DRWG from the November 22nd, 2016 meeting. We further appreciate the commitment to including residential Demand Response (DR) in the 2016 IESO DR auction.

2. COMMENTS

On slide 4 of the “Residential DR Baseline” presentation the IESO states that “the IESO is assessing the requirements and next steps for making data more readily available in the future.”¹ OhmConnect thanks the IESO for subsequently clarifying that Green Button meter data is acceptable by the IESO for residential DR resources.² Streamlined access to usage data that customers consent to share is vital for residential participation in DR.

OhmConnect looks forward to continuing to engage with the IESO and the DRWG on the design and implementation of long-term solutions that will work for all residents and market participants, whether through a Green Button “Connect My Data” platform, through direct access to the Smart Metering Entity (SME) data repository, and/or through another solution.

Slide 7 of the “Overview of Post-Auction Requirements” presentation proposes a modified requirement for residential DR.³ Specifically, the slide notes that the DR providers must submit contributor address, LDC name, and account number. OhmConnect agrees that these three pieces of contributor information are sufficient to uniquely identify which residents are participating as contributors.

Finally, OhmConnect asks whether the IESO intends to propose additional clarifications on communication protocols for users in the residential DR control group. For example, on

¹ See November 22nd, 2016 “Residential DR Baseline”, at slide 4; available at <http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/consult/drwg/DRWG-20161122-Residential-DR-Baseline.pdf>.

² See December 6th, 2016 “Clarification on DRMP Data Access”; available by email.

³ See November 22nd, 2016 “Overview of Post-Auction Requirements”, at slide 7; available at <http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/consult/drwg/DRWG-20161122-Post-Auction-Requirements.pdf>.

slide 7 of the “Settlement for Residential DR Resources” details are given on the composition of the control group, but not on how the DR provider should interact with the control group.⁴ OhmConnect sends frequent communications to its user base and believes control group contributors should not be treated any differently by the DR provider, except that they will not be “activated” during a DR event.

3. CONCLUSION

OhmConnect thanks the IESO for considering our comments. The IESO staff has been exemplary in their commitment to incorporating residential DR in the upcoming December auction, and we are very appreciative of their efforts. We hope that our comments provide additional helpful perspective as a residential DR provider.

⁴ See November 22nd, 2016 “Settlement for Residential DR Resources”, at slide 7; available at <http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/consult/drwg/DRWG-20161122-Settlement-for-Residential-DR-Resources.pdf>.