

- The IESO's objective for pilot programs is to achieve greater value and more economic use of demand response by expanding opportunities for DR to participate in the market.
- To this end, the IESO is seeking stakeholder input on the development, design, implementation and learning of pilot programs to demonstrate the capabilities of demand response.
- Demand Response may be able to help meet system needs, in a cost competitive manner, in the areas of Load Following, SBG Management, Unit Commitment.

- Pilots will have two components:
 - Availability
 - Will require market rules to enable IESO procurement through a competitive RFP
 - Delivery of services being tested
 - Requirements already in market rules (e.g. load following through 5 minute dispatch, unit commitment, etc.)
 - Loads may not meet all rule requirements, exemptions for duration of pilots may be needed
 - MW targets needed to ensure sufficient learning in each service to be established by IESO and stakeholdered through DRWG

- Scope
 - Limited to testing the capabilities of DR resources
- Scale
 - Pilot programs scale (MWs)
- Duration
 - Length of pilot programs (i.e. potential sunset clause)
- Eligibility
 - Technical requirements, eligibility of current DR participants, and reliability impacts
- Payment/Settlement
 - Settled through an uplift charge
 - Applicability of availability payments
- Compliance with Market Rules
 - Limit obligations to only a subset of rules applicable to DR pilots