

Final Engagement Summary Report

Date: April 2025

Amendments to Market Manual Part 2.2 Exemption Application and Assessment

Engagement Initiated: September 2024

Engagement Description

The IESO initiated the Amendments to Market Manual Part 2.2 Exemption Application and Assessment engagement to inform stakeholders of proposed changes to the exemptions market manual. The proposed changes focused on bringing the exemptions manual into alignment with the Market Renewal Project which included a new simplified process to make changes to existing exemptions. The changes also included incremental improvements to the consideration criteria and other administrative clean-up. The engagement allowed for feedback from stakeholders on the proposed changes outlined in the market manual.

Unlike other market manuals, the Exemptions Market Manual must be approved by the IESO Board of Directors as per the Electricity Act. The Exemptions Market Manual was developed as the “rules governing the practice and procedures” of exemptions. The market manual changes were approved and became final and effective at the end of December 2024.

Engagement Objective

The primary objective of this engagement was to gather stakeholder input, prior to the IESO Board approval, on the proposed changes to market manual which included the new and simplified process for making changes to existing exemptions and the incremental improvements to the consideration criteria. The engagement was launched as part of the IESO’s Market Renewal Program (MRP) readiness plan to ensure that the manual was updated to reflect the changes because of MRP. This engagement initiative was launched to ensure stakeholder feedback was gathered and informed the proposed changes prior to them being brought before the IESO Board for approval.



Engagement Approach

This stakeholder engagement was a public engagement process conducted in accordance with the IESO's approved engagement principles. The approach for this engagement initiative included opportunities to provide input through a webinar and a window for written feedback. All materials including public feedback from stakeholders and IESO responses to feedback were posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage for this initiative.

Conclusion

The IESO received valuable feedback from one stakeholder, which assisted the IESO in providing additional clarity to some of the proposed changes in the market manual. It also provided the IESO with suggestions to streamline the process that will be considered as part of any future planned updates.

The market manual was approved by the IESO Board in December 2024 and the final version is currently posted on the IESO website.