

IESO Engagement Update October 4, 2023

This engagement update provides a snapshot of all active IESO engagement activities. It also helps support a greater understanding of linkages between engagements, and a foundation for more comprehensive and integrated updates. For the most recent information, visit the individual engagement links or the [Engagement Initiatives](#) web page.



New Engagements and Forward-Looking Schedule

Future Clean Electricity Fund

In March 2023, the Minister of Energy announced the launch of Ontario's Clean Energy Credit Registry with proceeds from the sale of Clean Energy Credits directed to the government's Future Clean Electricity Fund. In response to the Ministry of Energy's "Powering Ontario's Growth" initiative, the IESO has been tasked with developing insights and recommendations for a Future Clean Electricity Fund (FCEF). Those interested in participating in this engagement can register with IESO engagement at engagement@ieso.ca.

Launched: September 18, 2023

Expanding Third Party Access to the Smart Metering Data

The Smart Metering Entity (SME) has been directed by the Ontario Energy Board to undertake an assessment to expand third-party access to smart meter data. The assessment will evaluate the opportunity to include additional organizations beyond the Canadian Government entities and may address other opportunities for data access expansion. Those interested in participating in this engagement can register with IESO engagement at engagement@ieso.ca.

Launching: October 19, 2023

Forecasting and Planning

Engagements to support provincial and regional electricity planning over the next 20 years.

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<p><u>Annual Acquisition Report</u> The Annual Acquisition Report (AAR) translates planning and operational information into a series of procurement and market activities using the Resource Adequacy Framework. <i>Engagement Lead: Trisha Hickson</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Adequacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A webinar was held in February to provide an overview of key topic areas of the 2023 AAR and to seek input on the future participation of existing resources. Thirteen submissions were received following the webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage. An IESO response to feedback document was posted on June 6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the recent release of the government’s Powering Ontario’s Growth Report and policy actions, the IESO is reviewing the AAR. The IESO will provide an update on the AAR, and its timing in relation to the Annual Planning Outlook, at the October Engagement Days webinar.
<p><u>Bulk Planning – Central West</u> This engagement will seek input from stakeholders and communities on the Central-West Bulk Planning initiative. <i>Engagement Lead: Fatema Khatun</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A webinar was held on August 16 to discuss the Central-West Bulk Planning study, including the scope, objective and timeline. Three submissions were received following the webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage, along with an IESO response to feedback document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional webinars will be held starting in Q1 2024 to further engage on the study.
<p><u>Regional Planning – Burlington to Nanticoke</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Andreea Nicoara</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement has begun on the development of individual Integrated Regional Resource Plans (IRRPs) for Hamilton, Brant, and Caledonia-Norfolk. A webinar was held on September 11 to provide an overview and seek input on the draft electricity demand forecast and the engagement plans. Three feedback submissions were received and have been posted to the engagement webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional engagement will take place to inform the definition of needs based on the final demand forecast.

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<p><u>Regional Planning – Ottawa Area Sub-Region</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Sari Gerwitz</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final Scoping Assessment Outcome Report was posted in March 2023, recommending the development of an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) for the Ottawa Area sub-region. The report also concluded that no further coordinated regional planning is required for the Outer Ottawa East and West Sub-regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on the Ottawa Area sub-region IRRP will begin in Q4 2023.
<p><u>Regional Planning – Toronto</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Sari Gerwitz</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final Scoping Assessment Outcome Report was posted in March 2023, recommending the development an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) for the Toronto region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on the Toronto Region IRRP will begin in Q4 2023.
<p><u>Regional Planning- GTA North (York Region)-</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Sari Gerwitz</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement has begun on the third cycle of regional planning in the GTA North (York Region) planning region with a webinar held on September 12 to provide an overview of and seek input on the draft Scoping Assessment Outcome Report. Four feedback submissions were received following the webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final Scoping Assessment Outcome Report, along with the IESO’s response to feedback received will be posted on October 12.
<p><u>Regional Planning – Windsor-Essex</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Rouselle Gratela</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final Windsor-Essex Scoping Assessment Outcome Report was posted on May 17, 2023 with the IESO’s responses to feedback received. The report concludes that an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) be undertaken for the Windsor-Essex region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement will continue on the development of an IRRP for the region in Q4 2024.

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Transmission Losses

This engagement will review the IESO's and Hydro One's practices on how transmission losses are considered in planning and operation of the system, a comparison of these practices to those used in other jurisdictions, and seek stakeholder feedback on potential improvements to these practices.

Engagement Lead: **Colin Campbell**

- The IESO posted a draft transmission losses guideline document in July 2021 for stakeholder review and feedback.
- One feedback submission was received and the IESO is developing a response to feedback.

- An IESO response to the feedback document will be posted in Q4 2023.
 - Changes will be made to the guideline document and the IESO will post the final version upon closing the engagement.
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Resource Acquisition

Engagements to ensure we have the tools and processes to acquire the resources we need to maintain a reliable and efficient system.

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<p><u>Capacity Auction Enhancements</u></p> <p>The annual Capacity Auction is one of the procurement mechanisms included in the IESO’s Resource Adequacy Framework and serves as the short-term balancing mechanism in the framework, securing the capacity required to meet Ontario’s short-term resource adequacy needs.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Trisha Hickson</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Adequacy • Demand Side Vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on September 20, to discuss next steps for future enhancements to the Capacity Auction. • The discussion also focused on key lessons learned from the 2023 Capacity Auction enhancements, and information was provided on scoping criteria, timelines and decision-making considerations for future enhancements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the September webinar is due by October 10, and a response to feedback document will be posted in late October 2024. • A follow-up engagement webinar will be scheduled for November.
<p><u>Demand-Side Vision</u></p> <p>The IESO is continuing discussions with the Demand-Side community to explore the enhancement of Demand-Side Resources in the IESO-Administered Market and programs. The initiative addresses key issues and opportunities from the Demand-Side community, planning to prioritize improvements to Demand Response participation models.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Trisha Hickson</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling Resources • Capacity Auction Enhancements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on September 20 to provide an overview of the implementation of a Demand-Side Vision and strategy and seek feedback on the draft vision, principles and planned scope. • Two feedback submissions were received following the webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response to feedback document will be posted on the engagement webpage in late October. • Targeted stakeholder sessions will commence in November.
<p><u>Development of an IESO Competitive Transmission Procurement Process</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback to aid in the development of a competitive transmission procurement process.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Fatema Khatun</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This engagement was put on hold in 2018. The IESO is determining the timing and next steps associated with this initiative. 	

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<p><u>Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Market Vision and Design Project</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback from stakeholders on how to cost-effectively enhance the value DERs can provide to Ontario’s electricity system by expanding participation in the wholesale markets.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Potential Study • DER Roadmap • Enabling Resources Program • Hybrid Integration Project • Innovation and Sector Evolution White Paper Series • Resource Adequacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on January 25 to review the results of the enhanced model study and recommendations from the Distributed Energy Resources Market Vision and Design Project report. • Two feedback submissions were received and have been posted to the engagement webpage. An IESO response to the feedback document has been posted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps for this initiative will be determined by Q4 2023. • The IESO is aiming to finalize the Foundational and Enhanced Model proposals in Q4 2023.
<p><u>Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Roadmap</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback on the development of a roadmap to set out approaches and expected timing for enhancing DER participation in the IESO-administered markets for the products/services they are technically capable of providing.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Market Vision & Design Project • DER Potential Study • Enabling Resources Program • Hybrid Integration Project • IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project • Resource Adequacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint meeting with the Ontario Energy Board was held on May 26 on the DER Integration Framework for Energy Innovation where updates were provided on cross-cutting issues and the work of the two organizations as it relates to DERs. • Four feedback submissions were received and have been posted to the engagement webpage. • See also the separate update for the Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An IESO response to feedback document for the Regional Planning Process Review from the last webinar will be posted to the engagement page. • The IESO and OEB will work to post a response to feedback document in advance of the next joint meeting, targeted for November 2023. • See also the separate update for the Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group.

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Enabling Resources Program

The IESO is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the development of an integrated plan that will outline the sequencing, timing and scope of activities to be undertaken by the IESO to enable existing electricity resources to provide electricity system services in the renewed Ontario wholesale market that they cannot, or cannot fully, currently provide.

Engagement Lead: **Colin Campbell**

Related Engagements:

- [Capacity Auction](#)
- [DER Roadmap](#)
- [Hybrid Integration Project](#)
- [Innovation and Sector Evolution White Paper Series](#)
- [Resource Adequacy](#)

- The initial stakeholder engagement component of the Enabling Resources Program engagement concluded with the posting of the Enabling Resources Work Plan in August, 2022 and a final engagement summary report.

- A webinar will be held on October 19 to provide a status update and next steps on the Enabling Resources Program.

Hybrid Integration Project

The IESO is seeking feedback on the development of participation model(s) to enable hybrid resources in the IESO-administered markets and have the capability to support Ontario's future system needs. The changes will be implemented after the implementation of the Market Renewal Project.

Engagement Lead: **Colin Campbell**

Related Engagements:

- [DER Market Vision & Design Project](#)
- [DER Potential Study](#)
- [DER Roadmap](#)
- [Enabling Resources Program](#)
- [Innovation and Sector Evolution White Paper Series](#)

- At the February Technical Panel meeting, the enabling co-located hybrid model market rule amendments were voted to recommend to the IESO Board for approval.
- The co-located model became effective in the IESO Administered Markets in June 2023.
- The IESO received three feedback submissions following the January meeting on the results of the participation model study and recommendations from the Hybrid Design Vision. An IESO response to feedback document has been posted.

- Next steps for this initiative will be determined by Q4 2023.

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<p><u>Long-Term RFPs</u></p> <p>The IESO is engaging stakeholders and communities on the development of a series of Long-Term RFPs that will seek resources to address global and regional needs. Two parallel engagements targeted to communities and the broader public are underway.</p> <p><i>Engagement Leads:</i> Colin Campbell (industry stakeholders), Sonia Fazari and Sari Gerwitz (communities)</p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Adequacy • Hybrid Integration Project • Market Renewal Program (MRP) Implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response to feedback document was posted following the August webinar. • The final LT1 RFP and Contract were posted on September 29, 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar will be held in Q4, 2023 to begin engagement on the LT2 RFP.
<p><u>Resource Adequacy</u></p> <p>The IESO is engaging stakeholders to further develop a long-term competitive strategy to meet Ontario’s resource adequacy needs reliably and cost-effectively while recognizing the unique needs of different resources.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead:</i> Jason Grbavac</p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Market Vision & Design Project • DER Potential Study • DER Roadmap • Enabling Resources Program • Long-Term RFP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resource Adequacy Update was provided in June where the IESO announced the results of a recent procurement for long-term supply. A total of 882 MW was secured for the province’s planned storage fleet, while complementary processes such as the growing Capacity Auction are securing resources to respond to upcoming system needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Resource Adequacy initiatives such as the Procurements and Capacity Auction Enhancements have branched off into their own respective engagement streams (see related engagements).

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Small Hydro Program

The IESO is engaging with the Small Hydro Community on the development and implementation of a Small Hydro Program (SHP) to provide new contracts for existing hydroelectric facilities with installed capacities of 10MW and below. The program aims to deliver value for ratepayers while providing a reasonable revenue stream for facilities to continue operating.

Engagement Lead: **Trisha Hickson**

Related Engagements:

- [Resource Adequacy](#)

- Discussions regarding the design and implementation of the Small Hydro program have been ongoing with the public and the Hydro community since 2022.
 - A webinar was held on September 19 to provide an overview of the draft program rules and contract.
 - Nine submissions were received following the September webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage.
- A response to feedback document will be posted on the engagement webpage in October.
 - The program is expected to be launched by the end of 2023.
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Operations

Engagements to ensure that Ontario’s electricity resources are operating reliably within the IESO-administered market, while also undertaking continuous market improvements.

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<p><u>Improving Accessibility of Operating Reserve</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback on an issue related to the Operating Reserve (OR), whereby the amount of OR scheduled is not fully accessible.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the June 2022 Technical Panel meeting, Panel members voted unanimously to recommend the proposed market rule amendments to the IESO Board. ORA changes (CT 206, 208 and 210) went live on May 1, 2023 in alignment with the Replacement of the Settlement System (RSS) go-live. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders will be informed when the next implementation date is confirmed. This engagement has now concluded and a final engagement summary report will be posted to the engagement webpage.
<p><u>Market Renewal Program (MRP) Implementation</u></p> <p>The Implementation phase of the Market Renewal Program will begin by codifying the design into the Market Rules and Market Manuals, and then proceed onto creating tools, testing, training and readiness for bringing the renewed market to life.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Maria Go</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Adequacy Enabling Resources DER Market Vision & Design Project Hybrid Integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six Q&A sessions (one for each resource type) were held with a walkthrough of a resource’s participation in the day-ahead-market (DAM), pre-dispatch (PD), and real-time-market (RTM). The sessions were provided to help stakeholders with their review of the draft Market & System Operations (M&SO) batch released on July 27 and 28. The deadline to submit feedback on the M&SO batch is November 8. A webinar was held on September 21 on the draft changes to Market Manuals 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, and 5.10, the IESO Charge Types and Equations document, and three design updates. The deadline to submit feedback on the Charge Types and Equations document is September 29, and on the Market Manuals is October 20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Implementation Working Group meeting is scheduled for October 6 to provide a summary of the results of the June external market participant readiness survey, an overview of readiness timelines, an update of the training and testing strategies. Feedback on the Market Manuals is due October 20. A webinar will be held on October 20 to update stakeholders on the training strategy, testing strategy, and to provide a demonstration of the qTest tool to be used by stakeholders for market trials. Feedback on the M&SO batch is due November 8.

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[Transmission Rights Market Enhancement and Platform Refresh](#)

The IESO is launching a new engagement to inform market participants of upcoming enhancements to the Transmission Rights (TR) market. The IESO completed a Transmission Rights Market Review in June 2021 that identified certain enhancements, or high-value opportunities, that will improve the efficiency, value and function of the TR market today and in the future.

Engagement Lead: **Trisha Hickson**

- The IESO held an engagement on July 26 to discuss enhancements, which include aligning the TR auction platform with current IESO software and introducing multiple-bid laminations.
 - A webinar will be scheduled in November to prepare stakeholders for review of the associated Market Rule and Market Manual amendments.
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Sector Evolution

Engagements that look to the future to see how innovation, new technologies and new collaborations can improve how we conduct our business.

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<p>Expanding Third Party Access to the Smart Metering Data <i>*new</i></p> <p>The Smart Metering Entity (SME) has been directed by the Ontario Energy Board to undertake an assessment to expand third-party access to smart meter data. The assessment will evaluate the opportunity to include additional organizations beyond the Canadian Government entities and may address other opportunities for data access expansion.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Fatema Khatun</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A webinar will be held on October 19 to solicit feedback on the expansion of smart meter data access beyond Canadian government entities.• Targeted discussions may be held later this year based on the interests and needs of each organization type.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The final report will be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board by April 30, 2024.
<p>Future Clean Electricity Fund <i>*new</i></p> <p>In March 2023, the Minister of Energy announced the launch of Ontario's Clean Energy Credit Registry with proceeds from the sale of Clean Energy Credits directed to the government's Future Clean Electricity Fund. In response to the Ministry of Energy's "Powering Ontario's Growth" initiative, the IESO has been tasked with developing insights and recommendations for a Future Clean Electricity Fund (FCEF).</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Fatema Khatun</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Energy Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three webinars will be held in October for different groups as follows: October 13 – Generators, October 16 – Distributors and Transmitters, and October 20 – Large Load Customers.• Municipal and Indigenous outreach initiatives are planned for October and early November.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The IESO will gather feedback to draft recommendations and report back to the Ministry of Energy by December 31, 2023.

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<p>Hydrogen Interruptible Rate Pilot The Minister of Energy has asked the IESO to submit a report by September 15, 2023, outlining a plan for the Hydrogen Interruptible Rate Pilot tailored specifically for hydrogen producers and developers in Ontario. <i>Engagement Lead: Fatema Khatun</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i> Interruptible Rate Pilot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IESO held meetings in July and August with hydrogen developer organizations that expressed interest in the pilot and solicit feedback on pilot design features that would support participation and leverage the flexibility of electrolyzer-based hydrogen production facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On October 4, the IESO provided an update that the submission of the plan for the hydrogen interruptible rate pilot to the Ministry of Energy has been postponed until there is further clarity on the federal government’s Investment Tax Credit (ITC) related to clean hydrogen production. An updated timeline will be provided once further details on the ITC are available.
<p>IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project The IESO, with support from Natural Resources Canada, is undertaking a demonstration in York Region to explore market-based approaches to secure energy and capacity services from Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for local needs. <i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DER Market Vision & Design Project DER Potential Study DER Roadmap Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An engagement webinar was held on July 27 where the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) presented the draft findings of the DER Scenario & Modelling Study as it relates to transmission-distribution coordination in the context of the York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration. Three feedback submissions were received following the July 27 webinar and have been posted to the engagement webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IESO will review any submitted feedback and incorporated, as appropriate, into the final DER Scenarios and Modelling Study report. An Evaluation Report including lessons learned will be published in Q4 2023, with an accompanying engagement webinar to follow.

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<p><u>Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers</u></p> <p>The IESO intends to develop and release a series of white papers to support the creation of a shared, fact-based understanding of emerging opportunities and trends.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Potential Study • DER Roadmap • IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on February 23 to seek feedback on the next white paper in the series: Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning and other Advanced Technology in the Electricity Sector. • Responses to the AI Whitepaper Survey were due by March 31. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO is reviewing next steps on this engagement for the latter part of 2023 and will provide an update.
<p><u>Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy</u></p> <p>The Ministry of Energy has asked the IESO to investigate and propose program options to integrate low-carbon hydrogen technologies into Ontario’s electricity grid.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways to Decarbonization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on March 30 to present a summary of stakeholder feedback, the final Hydrogen Innovation Fund program documents and announce the program application period from April 3 to May 5, 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful applicants will be announced in Q4, 2023.
<p><u>Pathways to Decarbonization</u></p> <p>The IESO will inform stakeholders on the study approach and provide transparency around the assumptions that will be used in the analysis of the Ministry’s request that the IESO evaluate a moratorium on the procurement of new natural gas generating stations in this decade (reliability, cost, environmental considerations) and develop an achievable pathway to phase out natural gas generation and achieve zero emissions in the electricity sector.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Trisha Hickson</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Potential Study • Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy • Resource Adequacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Energy released Powering Ontario’s Growth in July. The report was developed based on the expertise of the IESO and the analysis provided in the Pathways to Decarbonization study and the Ministry’s subsequent consultation. The report was accompanied by a letter to the IESO outlining some of the immediate actions the Minister would like the IESO to take, which includes several report-backs and timelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO will begin engagement as required on the actions identified in the Minister’s letter for the Powering Ontario’s Growth report. • A final engagement summary will be posted for this engagement.

Updates on the Strategic Advisory Committee, Technical Panel and Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group

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<p><u>Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC)</u></p> <p>The Committee is a forum for its members to be informed of IESO activities and to provide timely policy advice and feedback both broadly on behalf of the electricity sector and their constituency, directly to the IESO Board and Executive with respect to the IESO’s mandate.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC held its second public meeting of 2023 on August 2 which included introductory remarks by Lesley Gallinger, IESO President and CEO and by Bill Sheffield, IESO Board Chair. Guest speaker Todd Smith, Minister of Energy provided a keynote address. • Following a review of several business updates, three Working Groups presented their updated Challenge Statements for discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC will continue meeting in smaller Working Groups to evolve and further refine the Challenge Statements • The next SAC meeting is scheduled for November 8, where in addition to other agenda items, the remaining two Working Groups will have the opportunity to present their updated Challenge Statements.
<p><u>Technical Panel (TP)</u></p> <p>The Technical Panel’s mandate is to review amendments to the Market Rules for Ontario’s electricity market, and provide recommendations to the IESO Board of Directors.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Trisha Hickson</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Panel met on September 12, and voted to recommend for Board approval the Market Rule amendments associated with the Stream 2 Capacity Auction Enhancements and the Correction to Intertie Flow Limits Amendment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Technical Panel meeting is scheduled for October 10 and will include two Market Renewal presentations on the Market and System Operations Batch and the Final Alignment.

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<p><u>Transmission – Distribution Coordination Working Group</u></p> <p>The Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group (TDWG) will work closely with LDCs and other stakeholders to inform the DER Market Vision and Design Project. This is a key focus area of IESO’s Distributed Energy Resources (DER) integration activities and is what much of the near-term DER Roadmap efforts build towards. The TDWG will provide a forum for in-depth engagement on T-D coordination.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DER Market Vision & Design Project • DER Roadmap • IESO York Region Non Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project • Innovation and Sector Evolution White Paper Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TDWG meeting on June 16 included a presentation on LDC/Distribution System Operator functions under the Dual Participation and Total DSO models. • Three feedback submissions were received following the meeting and have been posted to the engagement webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO is reviewing feedback submissions. • The next TDWG meeting will take place on October 27, 2023, where the IESO will communicate the leads for the deliverables and walk through the statement of work documents for each deliverable.