

# Feedback Form

## Evolving IESO Planning Products (APO/AAR) – October 20, 2023

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Following the October 20, 2023, engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on items discussed. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by December 4, 2023.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

## Existing IESO Reports

### Annual Planning Outlook and Annual Acquisition Report

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What sections of the APO and AAR are most helpful and how do you use this information?

Evolugen by Brookfield Renewable appreciates the opportunity to provide comments.

In general, we appreciate the granularity of information and raw data provided by both reports—including data published by other planning-related documents that may be released by the IESO such as the Long-Term Energy Plan. As Ontario does not adopt a commission-led hearing-style integrated resource planning process, where interveners can request information and make inquiries to the system planner, as well as proposing their own demand/forecast scenarios or potential solutions to help meet system needs, the availability, transparency, and granularity of information contained in the APO and AAR are particularly important. Granular and accessible information and data encourage IPPs and marketers to participate in IESO markets and procurements, and promote bilateral negotiations between businesses. We encourage the IESO to release even more granular and transparent information and data in the future: ideally in coordination with Hydro One so that IPPs seeking to develop projects can better understand current and future transmission constraints.

To note, we especially appreciate recorded webinars and information sessions provided by the IESO to present report results. In the future, we encourage the IESO to continue these public information sessions and to invite Hydro One to actively participate and share their transmission planning expectations.

Where do you see redundancy or overlap in these existing products?

We do not believe that redundancy is necessarily an issue. As mentioned in our previous comment, the granularity and transparency of information and raw data are key for IPPs and marketers wishing to fully participate in the IESO markets and procurements. As such, regular and consistent updates of planning and acquisition information help market participants keep abreast of development and changes.

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How can the IESO enhance and evolve the APO and the AAR?	<p>We recommend that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The IESO publish regular and consistent updates of information and data on planning and acquisition activities. This publication can certainly take the form of a single merged report, but regularity and consistency are more important than report format.</li> <li>- As Ontario does not adopt a hearing-style integrated resource planning process, the IESO should allow stakeholders to provide input and request information on forecast scenarios, as well as putting forward industry-led solutions to reliability issues (e.g., non-wire solutions, procurement design).</li> <li>- The IESO should consider the APO and AAR less as technical reports, and more as information packages that could incent and enable investor decisions that could help system reliability. For example, more information on transmission planning, locations with interconnection room for project development, and system constraints that could be resolved by non-wires solutions would be helpful.</li> </ul>

## Future Reporting

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What frequency and/or time of year is information required to help you make informed and timely investment decisions with respect to existing or new assets?	Two reports per year with proper public consultation to solicit feedback and input, and public information sessions would be helpful.

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<p>What specific information is required to help you make decisions?</p>	<p>We recommend the IESO release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More granular transmission side information. E.g., transmission demand, interconnection room by region/node/substations... Ideally with Hydro One's full participation in a consultation process.</li> <li>- More raw data for download.</li> <li>- A special section on inerties in relation to the capacity market and transmission rights auction.</li> <li>- A special section on the capacity market.</li> <li>- A special section on CEC volume and price.</li> </ul>
<p>Do you prefer comprehensive planning reports or would tailored and succinct products released throughout the year better serve your needs? What is the value of each from your perspective?</p>	<p>We do not believe that comprehensive reports and succinct products are mutually exclusive. The IESO could consider a regular and consistent comprehensive annual report (or two), supplemented by ad-hoc, succinct products released well-ahead of planned procurements to specifically help proponents prepare for RFP participation.</p>

## General Comments/Feedback