

# Engagement Plan

## 2023 Annual Acquisition Report

### Introduction

The Annual Acquisition Report (AAR) translates planning and operational information into a series of acquisition requirements. It signals anticipated targets and acquisition mechanisms to secure services to supply the province's needs over a variety of time frames. The 2023 AAR is expected to:

- Provide an update on the previously prescribed 2022 AAR actions and policy decisions available at the time
- Define the province's reliability needs, and provide stakeholders a broad view of all elements considered in ensuring a reliable system
- Outline the planned actions and supporting initiatives that will be pursued over the coming years to meet reliability needs and support decarbonization

The 2022 Annual Planning Outlook (APO) identified some risks and uncertainties to Ontario's resource adequacy outlook, including market exit as a result of an aging fleet and policy uncertainty. The IESO will engage with stakeholders to explore these uncertainties and seek input on the future participation of existing resources to help inform analysis for the AAR.

### Stakeholders and Communities

The IESO encourages all interested parties to participate in this engagement through the public engagement activities described in the Approach section below. The IESO anticipates that this initiative will be of particular interest to:

- Generators
- Industry Associations
- Energy technology companies and other energy solutions providers
- Local Distribution Companies
- Demand Response providers
- Consumers and consumer groups

## Engagement Objectives

- Inform participants on objectives of the 2023 AAR and anticipated key topic areas
- Provide participants the opportunity to share input on uncertainties, specifically the future participation of existing resources, assessing aging assets, potential changes to how existing facilities are currently operated, and market exit
- Demonstrate the IESO's open and transparent planning process

## Approach

The approach includes opportunities to provide input through various channels such as webinars, written feedback, and through targeted discussions. The project team will consider all relevant input and illustrate how feedback was considered to shape the stated objectives. This is a public engagement process, and materials will be posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage. This includes information/input supplied by interested parties (with consent).

## Proposed Engagement Schedule

Anticipated timing for this engagement is presented below.

Timing	Engagement Activity
January- February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Targeted Meetings to seek input on the future participation of resources. This is in reference to market exit and aging assets which were identified as uncertainties in the 2022 APO.</li></ul>
February Engagement Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present objectives and anticipated topic areas of the 2023 AAR</li><li>• Bring forward key themes from targeted meetings on the future participation of resources and seek broader stakeholder input on the subject, allowing stakeholders the opportunity to submit written feedback</li></ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring forward a proposal on how to account for an assumption around the future participation of resources in the 2023 AAR analysis</li></ul>
Q3 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anticipated Report Release</li><li>• Public information session on the 2023 AAR to follow report release</li></ul>

## Additional Background and Resources

[IESO Annual Acquisition Report Information](#)

## Related Engagements

[IESO Annual Planning Outlook](#)

[Pathways to Decarbonization](#)