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Subject: Eastern Ontario Final Bulk Plan Now Available

An electricity plan that considers electricity demand and supply conditions over the next 20 years in Eastern Ontario is now posted on [the IESO website](#), along with responses to submitted feedback.

The Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan identified near-term actions and long-term options to ensure the transmission system can reliably support forecast growth driven by industrial development and increasing electrification. The plan examined constraints on the region's high-voltage transmission system, reliability needs in the Ottawa and Belleville areas, opportunities to connect future generation resources to serve eastern Ontario, and ways to strengthen exports and interconnections with neighbouring jurisdictions.

The IESO has recommended transmission infrastructure reinforcements in two stages, making investments that are essential today while preserving options for additional investments that will only be made when needed.

Implementation-ready actions are infrastructure investments that should be initiated immediately, given typical development timeframes, to be in-service by the early-2030s. This will meet the needs of communities and businesses in the area based on plans shared with the IESO through its engagements. These include:

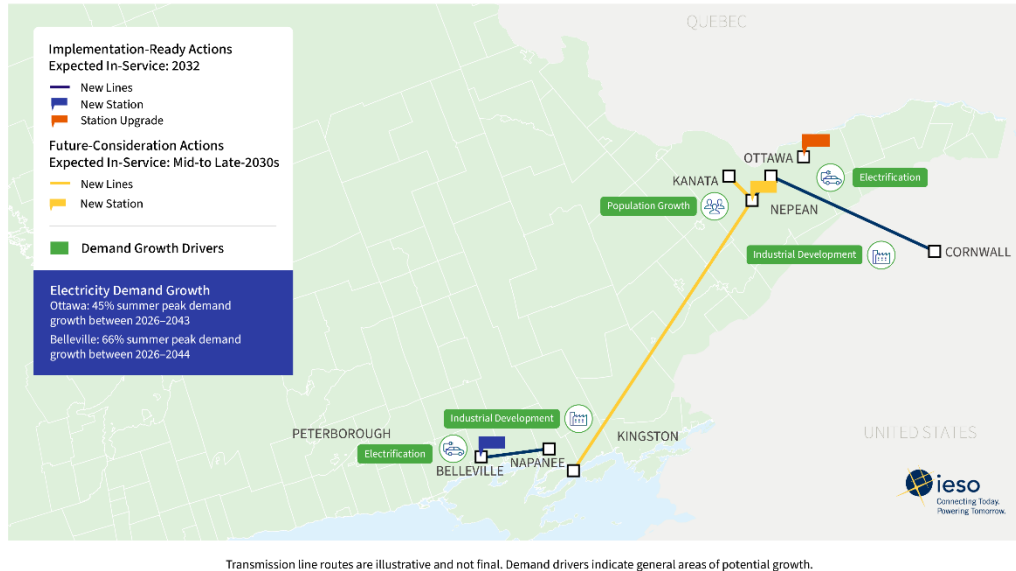
- station upgrades in Ottawa and Belleville
- new lines from Cornwall–Ottawa and from Greater Napanee–Belleville
- competitive procurement of new supply resources in the Belleville/Greater Napanee and Ottawa areas to service local needs
- additional electricity demand-side management savings to reduce overall costs
- ongoing monitoring of demand growth

Together, these recommendations improve transmission capability needed to connect new customers and supply resources and lay a foundation for increased exports.

Future-consideration actions are potential reinforcements associated with longer-term demand growth, future generation development, and evolving policy direction. These actions should only proceed should conditions evolve beyond what implementation-ready actions address to preserve flexibility and manage ratepayer risk.

The IESO will continue to monitor system conditions and trigger the development of reinforcements as needed. More details available in the report.

The diagram below provides an overview of the recommended actions to address the region's electricity needs. For more information, please refer to [the final report](#) or [the background](#).



Next Steps

A transmitter will be responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of these recommendations, which includes engagement and the completion of the [Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities](#). Once placed into service, the IESO will manage and direct the flow of electricity through this new infrastructure.

Your Participation Matters

The IESO consulted at key milestones to provide meaningful opportunities to provide feedback into this work. To ensure the plan reflects the needs of market participants, municipalities, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, customers, and the public, the IESO built awareness and understanding through a [dedicated webpage](#), targeted discussions, public webinars and other communications. Input from these engagements informed the development of the report and shaped its final recommendations.

This concludes the Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan initiative. The IESO appreciates your participation and feedback throughout the development of the Plan. If you have any questions, please contact communityengagement@ieso.ca. To stay informed, [subscribe](#) to receive IESO updates.

Sincerely,

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