

Feedback Form

Bulk Study Updates (Northern Ontario) – November 20, 2024

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Following the November 20, 2024 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the engagement web page.

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by December 6, 2024. 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.

Topic	Feedback
Are there any additional considerations we should be aware of in developing the Northern Ontario Bulk Study?	Click or tap here to enter text.
What feedback do you have regarding the content delivered today?	
Are there specific areas of urgency that should drive the studies to prioritize one need or area above others?	

General Comments/Feedback

- The IESO recommended:
 1. Build a new single circuit 500 kV transmission line between Hanmer TS in Sudbury to Essa TS near Barrie to accommodate demand growth (firm forecast scenario) and to enable the connection of new supply resources in northern Ontario.
 2. Initiate early development work on a second single circuit 500 kV transmission line between Hanmer TS in Sudbury to Essa TS near Barrie to preserve transmission options for meeting higher demand growth (potential forecast scenario) in northern Ontario.
 3. Explore new supply resources in northern Ontario to support higher demand growth and defer additional transmission reinforcements.
- CanREA supports the IESO's recommendations and urges the IESO and government to prioritize and expedite all options outlined above. CanREA submits that the IESO should expedite forward-looking grid build-out plans now in order to meet future system needs. Ontario's transmission grid currently has limited connection capability and CanREA is concerned that this will become much more serious over the coming years, even when including currently planned system upgrades. Without immediate prioritization of new transmission development and upgrades, CanREA is concerned that there will be little space remaining to connect new supply and load.