

# Draft Engagement Plan

## Cost Recovery for Integrating System Changes

### Introduction

To support proponents seeking to make changes to Ontario's electricity system, the IESO performs two broad types of activities to ensure the operability and reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. The first type is related to assessing the potential impact a new or modified facility may have on the system through conducting System Impact Assessments and Technical Feasibility Studies. The IESO currently charges proponents the costs to perform these studies. The second type of activities are those related to ensuring facilities meet prescribed requirements and then updating the IESO's systems, processes and procedures to reliably integrate those new or modified facilities when they come into service. The costs associated with these activities are currently recovered from all loads in the province on a volumetric basis through the IESO's usage fees. The IESO intends to begin charging these costs to the proponent initiating the change. Since this initiative will result in a change to an IESO administered fee, OEB approval will be required prior to implementation.

Additional details can be found on the [engagement webpage](#).

### Stakeholders and Communities

The IESO encourages all interested parties to participate in this engagement through the public webinars and written feedback as described in the Approach section below. The IESO anticipates that this initiative will be applicable to all stakeholders; particularly generators, transmitters, distributors, wholesale consumers, and ancillary service providers.

### Engagement Objectives

The objective of this engagement is to seek stakeholder input on the method to be used to apply these charges for various types of activities (fixed rate vs. hourly), invoicing timing (e.g., at the end of each work phase or periodically), the phase-in strategy, and to obtain feedback on whether any special considerations exist that should be taken in to account.

## Approach

The implementation of this engagement plan will be in accordance with the IESO's [engagement principles](#).

This is a public engagement process. All materials related to this initiative will be posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage. In addition, any information and feedback supplied by interested parties will become part of the public domain. Information and feedback that is marked confidential will be treated accordingly by the IESO. There will be opportunities for stakeholders to provide input through webinars and written feedback. In some instances, the IESO may hold targeted meetings to gather feedback from specific stakeholders with a particular interest and/or knowledge of an issue. The IESO will consider all relevant input and illustrate how feedback was considered in the development of the final outcomes.

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## Proposed Engagement Schedule

Anticipated timing for this engagement is presented below.

Timing	Engagement Activity
July 2021	Engagement launch
July 22, 2021	Engagement meeting / webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation</li><li>• Discussion/questions</li><li>• Written stakeholder feedback (optional)</li><li>• Next steps</li></ul>
Q4 to early 2022	Additional Engagement meeting(s) if necessary Develop and file OEB application Phase-in fees through the market manual process

## Additional Background and Resources

- [Market Manual 1.5](#)

For more information and background on this engagement, please visit the [engagement webpage](#).