

Feedback Form

2026 Provincial eDSM Achievable Potential Study – December 9, 2025

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Following the 2026 Provincial eDSM Achievable Potential Study webinar held on December 9, 2025, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and consultant Cadmus are seeking feedback from stakeholders on the planned methodology, data inputs and sources. Broader feedback is also welcome. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by January 9, 2025. 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.

Data Inputs and Sources

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<p>Do you see any gaps in identified data inputs or additional sources we should consider?</p> <p>Do the assumptions behind the measures¹ seem reasonable and aligned with real-world conditions?</p> <p>Do you suggest adding/removing any measures?</p>	<p>Comments on Solar and Storage Data and Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Restricting solar capacity to available roof space will underestimate the technical potential. It is also not compatible with the (correct) assumption that the maximum system size should offset total or average annual demand. Many large commercial and industrial sites have enough additional non-roof space to install additional solar to offset average demand. The model should not use lack of available roof space to limit system size.

Methodology

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<p>Are there any specific comments or suggestions for the methodology?</p>	<p>Comments on Solar and Storage Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The “value” of solar and storage used in the estimation of Economic Potential will depend on the net metering, net billing, time of use rate and other policies that are in place. For consistency and to estimate the maximum economic potential the model should assume that each kWh generated or released from storage is valued at the retail rate applying at the time that the kWh is generated or released (i.e. net metering). Any modification of this policy that would reduce the economics to the customer should be included in estimation of the achievable potential.The true retail rate should be used - not the reduced rate after application of the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

¹ The full list of measures and assumptions is available in a set of Excel files posted on the [study website](#). We encourage you to review those files for detailed information.

Stakeholder Engagement

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Are there any topic areas of particular interest (inputs, assumptions or methods) to stakeholders for engagement?	In addition to the assumptions regarding solar generation area and valuation of solar and storage mentioned above, we would be particularly interested in discussing the customer choice modelling and other methods that will be used to estimate achievable potential. As well as customer barriers like awareness, income, supply chain etc., it will be important to acknowledge regulatory barriers – particularly for solar and storage. It would also be extremely valuable if these barriers were explicitly identified and programs and policies that might remove these barriers and increase the achievable potential were explicitly identified.
Would DR and DER developers be interested in a focused meeting to discuss their insights in more detail?	Yes, OREC and other Ontario renewable area coops would like to have a meeting focused on the Solar and Storage aspects of the Study, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The assumptions used to estimate solar capacity in the estimation of Technical Potential2. The assumptions used to value solar and storage generation and storage in the estimation of Economic Potential3. How policy options will be treated in the estimation of Achievable Potential

General Comments/Feedback

The study appears to be progressing well and it is good to see the inclusion of behind the meter solar and storage providing total or average annual customer demand in the technical potential.

We look forward to discussing the methodology to determine achievable potential.