

Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot – Draft Detailed Design Stakeholder Feedback and IESO Response from May 19 Request for Feedback

On May 19th the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) invited stakeholders to provide comments and feedback on two areas of the EE Auction Pilot design: 1) A proposed revised timeline responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis, and 2) Options to encourage successful auction participants to voluntarily provide hourly meter data from facilities.

The IESO received feedback from:

- [Alectra](#)
- [Electricity Distributors Association](#)
- [Goldfin Consulting](#)
- [Hydro One](#)

This feedback has been posted on the [Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot engagement webpage](#)..

Note on Feedback Summary

The IESO appreciates the feedback and suggestions received from stakeholders. The feedback has been noted and will be considered as the engagement moves forward to finalize the detailed design. The IESO has provided a summary table below, which outlines specific feedback or questions for which an IESO response was required at this time.

Stakeholder Comments and IESO Responses

Topic	Feedback	IESO Response
Proposed revised timeline moving the pilot auction to March 2021.	All stakeholder feedback received was supportive of rescheduling the auction from September 2019 to March 2021 to respond to participation challenges occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.	IESO thanks stakeholders for their feedback and will move forward with the revised March 2021 auction timeline.

Suggestions on how to encourage successful auction participants to voluntarily provide hourly meter data for their facilities.

Two stakeholders commented on the need for appropriate protection measures to be in place if meter data is to be shared. It was further noted that LDCs would need to be made aware if they are legally obligated to provide meter data and, if so, would need to understand the potential advantages to customers of doing so.

Provided appropriate protections are in place, one stakeholder commented a sample of participants would likely be willing to voluntarily share their data for the purposes of the program.

One stakeholder suggested relaxing certain M&V requirements for measures where facility hourly meter data is provided and assessing resource performance based on the higher of savings determined at the measure-level and savings determined at the facility-level using meter data.

It was also proposed by a stakeholder that consideration could be made to offer a higher level of participation and revenue opportunity beyond the currently proposed limits for participants who voluntarily provide hourly meter data.

The IESO appreciates stakeholder comments on options to encourage successful auction participants to voluntarily provide hourly meter data for their facilities. IESO remains interested in opportunities to explore advanced Measurement and Verification (M&V) approaches, leveraging the significant ratepayer investment in smart and interval meters, to increase savings certainty and deliver M&V time and cost efficiencies, benefits which are ultimately reflected in customer bills. However, IESO will seek to advance this work through other avenues than the EE Auction Pilot.

Additional feedback on EE Auction Pilot design One stakeholder raised a concern with the length of the forward period. It was suggested the originally-planned obligation period could be preserved, while moving the timing of the auction as proposed.

During the design of the EE Auction Pilot, IESO has heard different stakeholder perspectives on the optimal length of the forward period. Some stakeholders have expressed a preference for a longer forward period to reduce implementation risk for larger or more complex projects, while other stakeholders have expressed a preference for a shorter forward period to minimize the time between auction and realizing payment. IESO believes the current forward period length strikes an appropriate balance between differing stakeholder needs.

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