

# Feedback Form

## Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment – May 27, 2021

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## Questions

Topic	Feedback
Are there additional considerations the IESO has not identified in defining the scope of the assessment to examine the reliability, operability, timing, cost and wholesale market implications of reduced emissions on the electricity system?	Click or tap here to enter text.

## General Comments/Feedback

In light of the discussion that took place at the June 24, 2021 Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment webinar, HQ Energy Marketing Inc. (“HQEM”), the subsidiary of Hydro-Québec which participates in the IESO administered markets, would like to offer the following comments.

HQEM is fully supportive of the efforts of our neighbouring jurisdictions, such as Ontario, to decarbonize their electric supply portfolios. As a supplier of clean low-carbon energy from our extensive hydroelectric system, we feel that we can play an important role in those efforts. As a matter of fact, we already do. The current transaction between HQEM and the IESO features a component which enables the export of Quebec hydropower to Ontario when gas-fired generation is on the margin in Ontario, as well as a component which enables excess clean energy in Ontario to be exported to Quebec and returned at a later time when it is needed.

In addition, the flexibility of our large clean hydroelectric system uniquely positions HQEM to assist our neighbours in the integration of intermittent renewables on their systems. By employing our system to act as a battery, thus absorbing their excess intermittent supply and returning it to them when needed, we can help our neighbours secure a stable, reliable supply, and we can also assist with ramping issues.

HQEM intends to remain an active IESO market participant and hopes both our systems can keep on benefiting from our complementarity.