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**From:** Bob  
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**Subject:** Re: Feedback Form for the April 12 Information Session for Communities

I must respond by this method as I do not have Windows 365 on my desk top. The links didn't work. Over my 50 years in the electric utility business, in many positions and locations throughout Ontario, time and time again I have seen our political masters tinker with the Province's electric system only to make it worse. At present customers are not paying the true cost of energy, only about 70%, and from my perspective most of them don't know it. We have a federal government that adds a carbon tax so hydro carbons will cost more and therefore discourage use, while we had a provincial government, the previous one, that artificially lowered the cost of electricity. If we charged the real cost why would the same cause and effect work here? If the real cost was applied perhaps we would not be in a panic to increase supply. I can tell you many LDC's are frustrated at constant government tinkering. I expect some will be concerned about proceeding with a proposal only to have the rules change without long term notice. If you want more LDC's to proceed with serious proposals, not something like 270 kw of un-dispatchable solar at a bingo hall in the Brantford area, we need to get a commitment of consistency and collaboration from the government that arises/survives the June election. One other serious risk that now exists in parts of rural Ontario, by my calculation, the cost of heating with oil is about twice the cost of heating with electricity. If those in rural Ontario catch onto this, expect some people to be installing electric plenum heaters and/or electric portable heaters to displace the oil. This will aggravate the need for supply and threaten the capacity handling of the distribution transformers that were not sized for the increased load. During the mid 80's the feds had an off oil program. In Peterborough, many customers installed electric plenum heaters in their oil furnaces and we started to burn out distribution transformers, so quickly, we needed to get help from outside contactors to keep up with replacement.

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**From:** IESO Engagement  
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Thank you for participating in the April 12<sup>th</sup> information session about meeting Ontario's long-term electricity needs. The presentation materials are available for download from the dedicated [engagement webpage](#) and the recorded presentation will be available shortly.

As a reminder, using the feedback forms attached to this email and available on the engagement webpage, please consider submitting your feedback on what you heard at the sessions and input on

how we can support communities in these discussions. Please send your feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Your input will be considered to update the supporting [Q&As](#) and a summary of the feedback and IESO responses will be posted on the engagement webpage in due course.

Visit the IESO website to [subscribe](#) to receive updates on other regional and bulk electricity planning activities, and other IESO information.

Indigenous communities can also reach out to the IESO's Indigenous Relations team at [IndigenousRelations@ieso.ca](mailto:IndigenousRelations@ieso.ca).

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