

IESO Engagement

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Subject: Hybrid Integration Project feedback

Good morning,

Please see the questions and comments for Lakeshore.

As you are aware, we have significant interest in our Municipality for these types of projects.

1. Are battery storage facilities subject to the Class Environmental Assessment Process?
2. Are the battery storage projects also subject to the Planning Act approvals? (for example, Official Plan, Zoning By-law, land severances and Site Plan Control?)
3. Knowing what legislative processes need to be followed will assist us to recommend to the IESO when the proposals should come to Municipal Council for review and endorsement. Without clear guidance on the process that is followed, we are unsure of how to answer the questions about Municipal Council endorsement.
4. How many battery storage facilities will be locating in Lakeshore?
5. Will the Municipality be able to assess and collect taxes on these facilities?
6. Is there any compensation contemplated to the Municipality for loss of agricultural land?
7. Are there requirements for decommissioning of the facilities past their useful life?
8. Does or would the IESO support a “Town Hall” type public engagement session from multiple companies? This is as a result of multiple companies engaging the same residents over and over due to their location relative to the proposed projects.
9. How does the IESO plan to engage with residents/stakeholders in the “High Demand” areas to ensure that correct and proper information is shared? We are aware of a resident who is against any projects and is attempting to influence other local residents to also side against new projects.
10. Can the IESO clearly define and describe the critical nature of these projects and how important they are to energy transmission in the region of Windsor-Essex and the province? It is my belief that residents don’t think that this really matters to their own homes and that it will just affect greenhouses, and industrial operations. For example, a statement like this would be beneficial to communicate the need for this infrastructure: “Without projects like XXX, we expect to have rolling brownouts affect large portions of the province including Essex County.”
11. We would like more guidance on the “Council Resolution” prior to the planning process being completed – is this not putting the cart before the horse?

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