

Technical Panel Review Draft Recommendations

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Background

- 2018 Advisory Group on IESO Governance and Decision-Making recommended that the IESO:
 - “review and potentially revise Technical Panel composition and process to avoid duplication with stakeholder review of the market rule amendment proposal and draft market manual content in a preceding engagement”
- IESO Board also directed IESO staff to conduct a review of the Technical Panel processes as part of their decision on MR-00437: Resolute FP Canada – Demand Response Registration and Metering Requirements.

What We Heard - Technical Panel

- Generally supportive of existing structure, noting that the current composition:
 - Is representative of market interests
 - Serves the public interest
 - Contains sufficient flexibility
 - Does not need to cover all sectors (e.g. all parties can review draft market rules at stakeholder engagements)
- Limited ideas for change proposed
 - Current vacancy (natural gas) could be repurposed as an additional market participant

What We Heard – Market Development Advisory Group

- Under-represented by the current composition:
 - Current composition has too many non-MP interests
 - Diversity of supply-side resources (e.g. storage, DERs, renewables) is not appropriately represented
 - Size of membership prohibits appropriate representation
 - Supply-side members should constitute 50 per cent of TP members
- Under-represented in agenda development – recommends a non-IESO co-chair

What We Heard – MR-00437

- Technical Panel should have seen and discussed the market rule amendment sooner in the process
- Technical Panel would have benefitted from an earlier presentation of the IESO position
- The market participant did not believe that IESO materials were provided in a neutral manner and were used to advance the IESO position
- Technical Panel might have benefitted from access to third party counsel and/or expertise

Considerations in Evaluating Feedback

- Feedback received from different points of view necessitated development of criteria by which to evaluate the feedback:
- Does the recommendation:
 - Increase transparency
 - Promote inclusivity
 - Avoid duplication with stakeholder engagements
 - Reduce administrative burden for Technical Panel members and/or the IESO

TECHNICAL PANEL COMPOSITION

Current Technical Panel Composition

- Core Market Participant members (7)
 - Generators (2) Vlad Urukov, Sushil Samant
 - Transmitter (1) Robert Reinmuller
 - Distributor (1) Joe Saunders
 - Retailer/Wholesaler (1) Julien Wu
 - Consumer (1) Dave Forsyth
 - Other MP (1) Sarah Griffiths
- Other Constituencies (3-5)
 - Generators
 - Consumers Robert Bieler, Phil Lasek, Robert Lake
 - Energy Related
Businesses & Services Ron Collins
- IESO Member (1) Jessica Savage

Proposed Changes

- Maintain current structure of a core membership and other constituencies
- Increase size of Technical Panel from 13 to 17 members
 - Increase size of core membership up to 12 market participants
 - New members to include one renewable generator, one storage representative and one demand response representative
 - Flexibility to add two additional market participant representatives

Proposed Technical Panel Composition

- Core Market Participant members (up to 12)
 - Generators (3) Vlad Urukov, Sushil Samant, **New Opportunity**
 - Transmitter (1) Robert Reinmuller
 - Distributor (1) Joe Saunders
 - Importer/Exporter (1) Julien Wu
 - Consumers (2) Dave Forsyth, **Phil Lasek (currently not core)**
 - Demand Response (1) Sarah Griffiths (**codify as DR instead of “other”**)
 - Storage (1) **New Opportunity**
 - Other (2) **New Opportunity**
- Other Constituencies (up to 4)
 - Generators
 - Consumers Robert Bieler, Robert Lake
 - Energy Related Businesses & Services Ron Collins, **New Opportunity**
- IESO Member (1) Jessica Savage

PROCESS CHANGES

1. Vote to Post for Stakeholder Comment

Background:

- Past practice at Technical Panel is that all market rules amendments include the stage of voting to post for stakeholder review and comment
 - Request for stakeholder comments is optional in the Market Rules
- IESO is now receiving comments on draft market rules from stakeholders before market rule amendments are presented to the Technical Panel

1. Vote to Post for Stakeholder Comment

Recommendation:

- The vote to post for stakeholder review and comment prior to the Technical Panel vote to recommend would be considered an optional step that Technical Panel would only exercise where:
 - Technical Panel members have specific questions for the stakeholder community that were not answered

2. Communication Changes

Background:

- Draft market rules are currently brought to the targeted stakeholder engagement

Recommendation:

- The IESO will ensure that communications activities are directed to broader audiences (e.g. through the IESO Bulletin) so that stakeholders and market participants will know there is an opportunity to comment on draft market rules in advance of Technical Panel meetings

3. Recruitment Process

Background:

- Currently, Technical Panel member vacancies are published on the IESO website and communicated in the IESO Bulletin

Recommendation:

- The IESO will communicate the call for nominations more broadly, e.g. through the Market Development Advisory Group, and other channels, such as LinkedIn

4. Reinforce TP Member Resources

Background:

- Lack of clarity in Technical Panel members responsibilities and options in specialized circumstances

Recommendation:

- Develop a guidance document that supplements the Terms of Reference that provides insights into resources and options available to the Technical Panel (e.g. external legal counsel, options for next steps of proposed market rule amendments)

5. Involvement in Agenda Setting

Background:

- Some TP members wanted more ability for members to take part in agenda setting

Recommendation:

- Draft agenda will be circulated to TP members two weeks in advance for members to comment on additional other business and/or education items that would be helpful for discussion in upcoming TP meetings

6. Improve Clarity in Technical Panel Terms of Reference

Specific Examples from the Terms of Reference:

- Clarify language in section 2.2.1.3 with respect to Technical Panel's role/advice

“This advice helps the IESO ensure that the technical writing of the proposed rule amendment reflects a design that has been established through other engagement discussions and provides a proper fit within the context of other market rules.”
- Additional language in section 3.2 to ensure timelines are prescribed for bringing market rule amendments for Technical Panel consideration and action

6. Improve Clarity in Technical Panel Terms of Reference

- Provide more context in section 3.2.1 on formal engagement initiatives and further consideration in reference to market rule amendment proposals brought to Technical Panel by the IESO or other parties

“Upon reviewing a market rule amendment submission that has not included a formal engagement initiative, the Panel may determine (by a majority vote) that the amendment warrants further consideration prior to proceeding to review the rule language in more detail.”

Next Steps

- IESO is soliciting feedback from Resolute in addition to input provided in MR-00437 process
- *Today* – Present Draft Recommendations to Market Development Advisory Group – comments due **by November 15**. Send feedback to engagement@ieso.ca
- Review proposed changes to Technical Panel Terms of Reference and/or other documents with Technical Panel on November 26
- Targeting Q1 2020 for IESO Board review of changes to the Technical Panel Terms of Reference