
Market Power Mitigation Working Group (MPM WG)

Terms of Reference

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1. Introduction

This Terms of Reference for the Market Power Mitigation Working Group (the “Working Group”) provides a proposed, working statement of the scope and objectives of the Working Group.

2. Purpose of the MPM WG

The Working Group assists in identifying unintended outcomes of the Market Power Mitigation (MPM) Framework and recommending means to address such unintended outcomes. The Working Group is an advisory body to the IESO and the Technical Panel and consists of both IESO staff and representatives from potentially impacted parties.

The Working Group is to perform its function for a determined period of time following the market transition completion, as agreed upon between the IESO, the Technical Panel, and the Working Group.

3. Duties of the Working Group

- 3.1 Develop a framework for reviewing potential unintended outcomes of the Market Power Mitigation (MPM) framework, including the development of an approach for prioritization of issues
- 3.2 Advise on assessment and prioritization of issues, and solutions to material unintended outcomes from the MPM framework
- 3.3 Provide recommendations related to existing recourse mechanisms, or propose alternatives if existing recourse mechanisms are not able to address identified issues

4. Composition of the Working Group

4.1 Working Group Membership

The Working Group consists of two IESO members and approximately 6 to 8 members representing a cross-section of constituencies. The IESO is responsible to Chair the Working Group.

- 4.1.1 The representation is subject to change by the IESO to accommodate the changing needs of the Working Group.
- 4.1.2 At its discretion, the IESO may allocate additional resources as required to support the Working Group activities.

4.2 Nomination and Appointment of Working Group Members

- 4.2.1 Appointments to fill any vacancies on the Working Group will be made by the IESO through a nomination process.
 - 4.2.1.1 Notwithstanding s.4.3.1, in respect of a vacancy for an IESO member of the Working Group, the IESO will appoint a replacement without proceeding through the nomination process.
 - 4.2.1.2 Parties having an interest in IESO activities may nominate qualified persons to be Working Group members, from which the IESO may appoint members. Self-nominations will also be permitted.
- 4.2.2 The IESO may seek additional nominees to expand the slate of candidates for a particular constituency should the need for additional membership be required.

4.3 Qualifications of Working Group Members

- 4.3.1 Nominees to the Working Group should be experienced participants or stakeholders of Ontario's electricity sector who are qualified to collaborate with the IESO on the Working Group for its stated purposes and committed to presenting their views on behalf of their constituency on the effects of the MPM Framework.
- 4.3.2 Nominees should have:
 - 4.3.2.1 Advanced knowledge and familiarity with the IESO's market renewal initiative, and specifically the MPM framework.
 - 4.3.2.2 A level of technical or commercial knowledge and expertise in the operation of resources relevant to their represented constituency and electrical power systems more generally that is acceptable to the IESO.
 - 4.3.2.3 A breadth of knowledge and experience working within both Ontario's electricity sector and the constituency they represent.
 - 4.3.2.4 A strong understanding of the market rules, structure and/or operations of Ontario's electricity market.

4.4 Working Group Membership Term

- 4.4.1 Subject to changes in the employment or affiliation status of a Working Group member, it is expected that members will commit to participating for the duration of the Working Group, unless earlier removed by the IESO.

4.5 Expectations of Working Group Members

- 4.5.1 Members are expected to bring their own views as a representative of their constituency, balanced with the objectives of the IESO-administered market and the role that the MPM Framework plays to achieve those objectives
- 4.5.2 Members should attend meetings and actively participate in discussions.
- 4.5.3 Members are expected to devote the necessary time and effort to prepare for meetings and contribute to discussions at the meeting.
- 4.5.4 Each member of the Working Group, in their capacity as a Working Group member and otherwise, shall at all times: (a) conduct themselves honestly, fairly, ethically and with integrity; (b) be respectful of the public, staff and each other; and (c) not act in a manner that could reasonably be expected to harm the reputation of the IESO and/or the Working Group.
- 4.5.5 The IESO may, but is not obligated to, obtain the input and/or recommendation of the Chair of the Working Group in making a determination as to whether a Working Group member has contravened Section 4.5.4, above. The IESO will take into consideration, but will not be bound by, the Chair of the Working Group's input and/or recommendations with respect to the foregoing.
- 4.5.6 If the IESO determines, in its sole discretion, that a Working Group member has contravened Section 4.5.4, the IESO may terminate such Working Group member's appointment.
- 4.5.7 For greater certainty, nothing in Section 4.5.5 or Section 4.5.6 shall be construed to limit or restrict the exercise of the IESO general authority to remove a Working Group member for any reason as set forth in Section 4.5.6
- 4.5.8 The Chair of the Working Group will play a leadership role to provide effective governance, administration and facilitation of all meetings.
- 4.5.9 Administrative support to act as Secretary to the Working Group will be provided by the IESO.
 - 4.5.9.1 The Chair of the Working Group is the Director of Markets at the IESO or their delegate.
 - 4.5.9.2 The Chair will be responsible for the conduct of all matters before the Working Group.

5. Organization and Administration of Meetings

- 5.1.1 Working Group meetings will be pre-scheduled to occur during a calendar year. The IESO will aim to issue a call for agenda items two weeks prior to each scheduled meeting. The IESO will review the proposed agenda items and provide the draft to all members for final approval. The IESO will also aim to provide supporting materials to all members at least 3-5 business days prior to a scheduled meeting.
- 5.1.2 If it is determined that a meeting is not required, then it is assumed the next meeting will occur on the next calendar hold. If a meeting must be re-scheduled, members will be notified in advance of the scheduled meeting.
- 5.1.3 The Chair may call additional meetings or discussions outside of the regularly scheduled meetings as required from time to time.
- 5.1.4 Working group members may request additional meetings as required by submitting information to support the request i.e., description of the issue at hand and need for urgency. The IESO will accept or decline the request at its discretion and aim to provide sufficient details around the final decision-making process.

5.2 Meeting Authority and Normal Order of Business

- 5.2.1 The Chair or delegate shall preside over meetings of the Working Group.
- 5.2.2 All meetings will be in-camera. Subject to any confidentiality considerations, materials will be made public on the IESO's website - including Terms of Reference, meeting agendas, and formal presentations.
- 5.2.3 Regular reports will be provided to the Technical Panel. Timelines, method, and details are to be determined by the Working Group.
- 5.2.4 Understanding that at times data of a confidential or sensitive nature may need to be shared, the expectation is that information will be treated appropriately.

6. Review and Update

- 6.1.1 These Terms of Reference are not exhaustive, and the Working Group may encounter circumstances not covered in this document. In these instances, the Chair will consult with the IESO and use their best judgement as to how best to address such circumstances.

- 6.1.2 In cases where updates to these terms of reference are being considered, the Working Group will be consulted and will have the opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed changes.

7. Appendix

Membership

Name	Organization	Representation
Darren Matsugu	IESO	Working Group Chair
Bob Yeoman*	IESO	MACD Representation
Stephen Nusbaum*	IESO	IESO/MRP Representation
Heather Sears	Workbench Energy	Storage/Generators
Nora Vasquez	Atura Power	Storage/Gas Generators
David Forsyth	AMPCO	Consumers
Marc-Antoine Fleury	Hydro Quebec	Traders
David Greenshields	OPG	Various Generators
Pritesh Patel	Invenergy	Gas + Renewable Generators
Ron Medina	First Light Energy	Hydro Generators

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