

# Memorandum

**To:** MRP Implementation Working Group

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**Re:** Market Renewal Program (MRP) Testing: Update on Market Trials Phase 1

Market Trials Phase 1 officially started on July 16, 2024. As communicated to Market Participants in the external Market Trials Test Plan, this phase provides an opportunity for Market Participants (MPs) to verify that their user and/or API accounts can submit, update, cancel, and query dispatch data to and from the MRP Energy Market Interface (EMI) and through the MRP Market Information Management (MIM) web services respectively. Market Participants with Generator Offer Guarantee (GOG) eligible resources can also test the new Fuel Cost Compensation Form in Online IESO.

Over 100 test cases have been offered to Market Participants. In response to feedback received during the Connectivity Testing phase, the IESO loaded only test cases applicable to the participation type(s) represented by each Market Participant. This is to ensure that participants can focus on executing the recommended test cases for their organization. MPs who identify missing test cases from their project folder should notify the IESO Customer Relations team ([customer.relations@ieso.ca](mailto:customer.relations@ieso.ca)) to provide them with access.

As of July 30, 2024, 65 Market Participants have access to qTest and can begin to log their test results for Market Trials Phase 1. Several Market Participants have also confirmed that they will be executing their test cases offline and will be reporting their status using the manual Issue Log Template. As of July 30, 2024:

- 30 Market Participants are actively showing progress on their testing activities in qTest with 1 Market Participant confirming that they successfully completed all their assigned test cases for Market Trials Phase 1.
- Out of the 30 Market Participants testers, 10 Market Participants have completed Online IESO testing and 4 have completed their MIM test cases.
- 7 organizations have reported issues during their test execution.
- 47 issues have been submitted to date:
  - 14 reported issues have been closed,
  - 22 reported issues are currently being investigated by the IESO,
  - 9 reported issues have been addressed and are currently waiting on the Market Participant to re-execute the associated test cases, and
  - 2 reported issues are pending a response and/or seeking additional information from the Market Participant.
- The reported issues that have been closed were not identified as system-related issues. Most of these were observed to be general enquiries where the user required clarification on the submission window timelines and/or the mandatory fields they would need to provide data for. Market Participants are reminded that process-related questions and/or enquiries about the Market Rules should be submitted to the IESO Customer Relations mailbox.
- A few Market Participants reported that they were unable to see several resources from the "Resource Name" dropdown list. As per the Market Trials Test Plan, Market Participants can only test active resources as of May 31, 2024.

The IESO continues to investigate issues that are being reported by participants. Currently, the test phase is progressing well and the MRP team has found that the reported issues to date are mostly related to access, connection or configuration changes on the Market Participant's system. As always, the IESO appreciates the feedback it receives from its stakeholders and will be posting an FAQ on the Market Renewal Testing webpage to provide answers to common questions it has received so far, as well as additional guidance on how to resolve specific issues that Market Participants may encounter on their end.

Market Participants who complete their testing for Market Trials Phase 1 are asked to submit their test results by the close of the first phase on **August 13, 2024**. If Market Participants are unable to meet this deadline, the Sandbox environment for Online IESO, EMI and MIM will

remain available until the end of Market Trials Phase 3 on **October 23, 2024**. To ensure that Market Participants receive the support they need, the IESO requests participants perform their testing as early as possible to identify issues that may need to be corrected in the IESO's applications, as well as their own API and/or other internal systems.

Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you success during this test phase.