

Meeting Summary: MRP Implementation Working Group

Meeting date: February 12, 2025
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Chair/Facilitator: Maria Go

Invitees	Representing	Attendance Status (Attended / Regrets)
Hisham Omara	Alectra	Regrets
Margaret Koontz	OPG	Attended
Noralyn Vasquez	Atura Power	Attended
Anshul Jain	Bruce Power	Attended
Chris Sutherland	Capital Power	Regrets
David Snider	Capital Power	Attended
Brittany Ashby	Electricity Distributors Association	Regrets
Julien Wu	Evolugen	Regrets
Audrey Beauregard	Evolugen	Attended
Meghan Atkinson	Hydro One	Regrets
Jaspreet Nijjar	Hydro One	Attended
Nancy Demers	Hydro Quebec	Attended
Francois Abdelnour	Ivaco Rolling Mills	Attended
Jason Chee-Aloy	Power Advisory, LLC	Regrets
Sarah Simmons	Power Advisory, LLC	Attended
Dave Forsyth	Rodan Energy Solutions	Attended
Chris Cincar	Ontario Energy Board	Regrets
Freed Akhter	Ontario Energy Board	Attended

Thomas Eminowicz	Ontario Energy Board	Attended
Jennifer Jayapalan	Workbench Energy	Attended
Ashley Bacon	Emera Energy	Attended
Candice Trickey	IESO	Regrets
Maria Go	IESO	Attended
Przemek Tomczak	IESO	Attended
Wang Chiu	IESO	Attended
Cynthia Sidalak	IESO	Attended
Rado Jovic	IESO	Attended

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Agenda Item 1: Welcome; Agenda and Standing Item Review (with materials)

- A number of issues reported in the update memo are now closed.
- This meeting is an informal check-in with the Implementation Working Group (IWG) members to hear what their experience is so far with End-to-End Testing and for the IESO to share its observations on how this final test phase is progressing.
- A readiness assessment was issued in January 2025 where the IESO saw an increased number of Market Participants expressing that they are on schedule for a May 1st MRP Go-Live date and a slight decrease in the number of Market Participants indicating that they are behind schedule. The Market Participants who expressed that they are behind schedule based their response on their experience during testing where they have not had the opportunity to download their settlement statements yet so they were unable to complete their test scenarios.
- The IESO published Version 2.0 of the MRP Readiness Plan for Market Renewal Launch. Please note that this document continues to evolve as the IESO performs internal cutover testing and when Market Participants participate in the cutover test on March 31, 2025.
- IWG members who wish to participate in the Pre-Production Connectivity Testing and/or Cutover Test should send an email to the IESO Market Renewal mailbox.

Agenda Item 2: End-to-End Testing Update (with materials)

- The IESO provided an update on the End-to-End Testing phase.
- An IWG member commented that their organization saw a lot of issues on the IESO Reports and their organization has submitted defects via qTest. The same IWG member felt that the results from End-to-End Testing are not improving at the rate they would have expected and reiterated that they did not agree with the way the IESO ranked some of their issues (for example, the IESO ranked a defect with a medium priority but is considered to be a critical defect to their organization).
- The IESO recommended for IWG members to inform and work with the IESO to agree on the ranking of specific defects going forward.
- The IESO thanked all IWG members in their participation in End-to-End Testing and acknowledged that there are several issues that is impacting the publishing of IESO Reports. The IESO is working hard to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.
- An IWG member followed up on the IESO's comment in the last meeting that it would be able to republish historical reports. However, in the last Q&A session, it was communicated that the IESO is unable to republish certain reports due to its use of transactional data. The IESO

apologized for the discrepancy in the communication and requested a meeting with the IWG member to better understand what information they would need to help them reconcile their settlement statements.

- IWG members commented that they have not seen one successful day where the engines are running without issues and all operational reports and statements have been generated successfully. IWG members expressed that they were getting nervous over not having seen a successful run so far.
- IWG members recommended to add a criteria for MRP to ensure that there is at least one “clean” day where the calculation engines run successfully, Market Participants receive all the reports they expect, and the settlement statements reflect the transactions by participants during End-to-End Testing.
- The IESO will work to ensure that Market Participants are able to test at least one “clean” day before the end of this test phase. The IESO also requested for the guidance of IWG members to help clarify what they would consider a “clean” day in the Sandbox environment.
- **Q:** If a Market Participant passed a test scenario that is recurring throughout the duration of End-to-End Testing, are they still expected to re-test that scenario every single week?
- **A:** It is not necessary for Market Participants to re-execute the test scenario every single week if they feel confident with the results they are seeing.
- IWG members reported that they are receiving different results in both the *Day-Ahead Commitments Report* and the *Day-Ahead Energy Report*. The IESO has asked members to submit a defect via qTest or to send an email to their assigned Business Advisor.
- An IWG member expressed that they have seen several issues related to settlement statements. As of this meeting, the IESO investigated up to 28 settlement-related issues, and 14 of those issues have already been resolved. Market Participants should be able to see the fix that was applied in their next settlement statement.
- An IWG member requested for the IESO to communicate any known issues that it is unable to correct sooner rather than later so that Market Participants can begin to consider workarounds on their end.
- An IWG member asked if the IESO can continue to publish its operational reports in a .csv format. An IESO decision was made prior to MRP to create reports using other file types based on reporting requirements and to ensure compatibility with different systems. Some of the legacy reports will continue to be published as .csv files but newer reports are likely to use other file types such as .xml and/or .txt.

Agenda Item 3: Feedback on Test Scenarios to be re-run during the last weeks of End-to-End Testing

- An IWG member acknowledged that MPM for ex-post mitigation is out-of-scope for End-to-End Testing but would like to see if it can be accommodated so that they are able to see its impact for intertie traders on settlement statements.

- A member also expressed that they would like to re-test Scenario 2: DAM Failure. This was already accommodated as the IESO is scheduled a DAM failure to occur in Sandbox on February 20, 2025.
- An IWG member noted that they were only seeing high system demand conditions implemented in the real-time market but not in the day-ahead market for Week 5 scenarios. The IESO is currently investigating this behaviour.
- IWG members were asked to send feedback on the scenarios that they would like to re-run during the last weeks of End-to-End Testing directly to Cynthia Sidalak. The feedback received was presented to the participants in the third Q&A session, where the IESO also confirmed which scenario will be accommodated in weeks 8 to 10.

Agenda Item 4: Other Business, Next Steps, and Adjournment

- The IESO asked what type of information IWG members are looking for in regards to cutover testing. When this meeting was held, IWG members were still waiting on Version 2.0 of the MRP Readiness Plan for Market Renewal Launch. Members noted that they required the latest information so that they can prepare with their vendor.
- An IWG member asked how the IESO is assessing readiness for MRP to go live.
Action Item: The IESO will provide the criteria in determining the IESO's decision to Go or No Go on MRP Go-Live to IWG members.
- The next IWG meeting is scheduled on Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM.