Meeting Summary: MRP Implementation Working Group

Meeting date: March 12, 2025 Meeting location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting time: 10:00 a.m. Chair/Facilitator: Maria Go

| Invitees | Representing | Attendance Status |
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| | | (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 | Regrets |
| Dave Forsyth | Rodan Energy Solutions | Attended |
| Chris Cincar | Ontario Energy Board | Regrets |
| Freed Akhter | Ontario Energy Board | Attended |



| Thomas Eminowicz | Ontario Energy Board | Regrets |
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| Jennifer Jayapalan | Workbench Energy | Attended |
| Ashley Bacon | Emera Energy | Attended |
| Candice Trickey | IESO | Attended |
| Maria Go | IESO | Attended |
| Haris Iqbal | IESO | Attended |
| Wang Chiu | IESO | Attended |
| Cynthia Sidalak | IESO | Attended |
| Rado Jovic | IESO | Attended |
| Chirag Dave | IESO | Attended |

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

- The OEB recently released a decision on the application to challenge the Market Renewal Program (MRP) Market Rule Amendments. The decision found that the MRP Market Rule Amendments are not unjustly discriminatory to non-quick start generators and are not contrary to the purposes of the Electricity Act. The full decision is available on the OEB's website.
- The OEB has posted the code amendments for LDC settlement and billing changes and is currently seeking feedback.
- The IESO has been working with other LDCs on a list of frequently asked questions they may
 receive from their customers when MRP goes live. The IESO will be sending out the document
 listing out the frequently asked questions and the responses to the IWG members who are
 from the EDA, OEB, and LDCs after today's IWG meeting for review and feedback. The IESO
 plans to post the document by the end of next week on our website.
- The IESO continues to be on track for a May 1 MRP Go-Live. IWG members can refer to the MRP IWG Update Memo on how the IESO is assessing for MRP to go live.
- Q: Will there be a kick-off meeting for Pre-Production Connectivity testing?

A: No, the IESO will not be hosting a kick-off meeting for Pre-Production Connectivity testing as Connectivity testing was done in early 2025. The only change in Pre-Production Connectivity testing is that MRP Production URLs will be used instead of the Sandbox environment URLs.

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

- The IESO has republished historical reports with corrected data after deploying a fix and missing reports where possible.
- The IESO encourages the IWG members to review the updated FAQ document for End-to-End Testing as the document provides a list of delayed reports that have now been published.
- The IESO has applied mitigation measures to provide stability on the publication of reports during End-to-End Testing and the IESO is observing an improvement on reports being published on time. If there was an interruption on publishing reports at their scheduled timing, the IESO has been able to republish the reports on the same day or the next day.
- The IESO has been able to address all high and critical defects that were reported as of February 27 except for two defects that were communicated to MRP contacts and current qTest users on March 7.
- After the IESO republished the reports, the IESO is observing that a lot of Market Participants are passing their test cases which is a sign of good progress.

Q: It seems like the format of the month end settlement statement for February is incorrect and there are some missing charge types. A defect has been submitted via qTest.
 A: The IESO will touch base after the meeting to obtain the defect number in qTest. The IESO will follow up internally to determine what the status update is on the reported defect.

Agenda Item 3: January 2025 Readiness Assessment Survey Results

- The IESO went through the presentation material that outlines the January 2025 External Readiness Assessment Survey results
- The IESO will be issuing another survey out very shortly to obtain an update from Market Participants on how they feeling about their preparedness with MRP after conducting End-to-End Testing. Market Participants will have 2 weeks to provide their feedback to the IESO.

Agenda Item 4: Cutover Testing

- The IESO went through the presentation material that provided a walkthrough of the activities during the Cutover Test
- **Q:** Do Market Participants need to submit dispatch data in both the legacy and new system on the day MRP goes live? Is it optional for Market Participants to submit dispatch data in both the legacy and new system?
 - **A:** The IESO is asking Market Participants to submit dispatch data in both the legacy and new system for all hours on May 1st in case there are delays in the launch so that both systems have the information to send accurate and reliable dispatches.
- **Q:** Will Market Participants be submitting dispatch data instructions in the Production environment?
 - **A:** The Cutover Testing will be utilizing links that will be provided in the <u>Market Renewal</u> <u>Program (MRP): Cutover Test Plan</u>. The Cutover Test Plan will be posted by the end of this week. The IESO will inform Market Participants when the Cutover Test Plan is posted.

Agenda Item 5: Market Power Mitigation's (MPM) reporting requirements on Market Control Entities (MCEs)

- **Q:** What MPM-related items will be delayed 6 months after MRP Go-Live?
 - **A:** The Narrow Constrained Areas and the Dynamic Constrained Areas will not be implemented for at least 6 months after MRP Go-Live. The IESO also has discretion in delaying the assessment of the uncompetitive intertie zones.
- **Q:** Can the IESO provide a summary on when items in the Market Power Mitigation Framework will be implemented?
 - **A:** The IESO will take this feedback under consideration.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business, Next Steps, and Adjournment

- The IESO's Contract Management team is issuing executed amending agreements this week.
- The IESO is currently updating the list of market-facing reports impacted by MRP that is posted on the <u>Technical Reference Materials</u> page to include the Load Forecast Deviation Charge Estimates Report and to remove the Hourly Uplift and Intertie Guarantee Estimates Report.
- The next IWG meeting is scheduled on Wednesday April 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM.