

# Feedback Form

## Northern Ontario Connection Study

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The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback following the May 7, 2025 Northern Ontario Connection Study webinar. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) May 28, 2025.

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What other information should be considered in the study scope and the examination of the potential options?	Detailed and intentional municipal, First Nation, and other community stakeholder engagement about the social, financial (real estate) and environmental impact of these major, but critical projects.
What feedback do you have regarding the study findings?	While one cannot deny the need to provide adequate energy supply to the north, it MUST be designed with consideration of existing communities.
What additional information should be provided in future engagements to help share perspectives and insights?	An understanding of how these projects impact communities. Generally, the engagements are very technical and primarily opine on feasibility and network needs. Social, financial and environmental considerations are not generally discussed, that must change. We know they are part of the discussion internally, but it must be communicated externally.

### General Comments/Feedback

The IESO must assess the potential impact of an additional 500kV circuit on existing communities. Currently, the 500kV/230kV circuits cross Seguin Township from north to south, running very close to, and sometimes over, some of the township's most desirable and pristine lakes and forests. While reinforcing the 500kV circuit might be necessary based on option evaluations, it must be approached with sensitivity towards those affected negatively. Mitigation strategies should be thoroughly explored and implemented.

For instance, the area around the existing Parry Sound Transformer Station, particularly Foley Matheson Park, is already visually impacted; adding another 500kV circuit would not enhance the aesthetic value. Therefore, minimizing the visual impact of an additional circuit is essential. Engaging with municipal authorities, First Nations, and other stakeholders is crucial for the IESO throughout this project. Please indicate how Seguin can participate and assist in these discussions.