# **TDWG: D-D Coordination**

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### Sub-Transmission (Host Distributor) System



Ontario's distribution system is unique compared to most other provinces or states, in that we leverage a 'Sub-Transmission' system, operated by a Host Distributed, to convey high voltage power across large geographic regions from transmission stations to supply Embedded Distributors (ie LDC's) and customers. This system is impacted by changes in demand and/or power injection from Embedded Distributors, directly connected customers and the transmission system.

Properties of this system include:

- ✤ 3 Wire Systems
- ✤ 1-30MVA Customers
- Thermal Constraints

- LDC Substations
- Up to 75kM of Line
- Reconfigurable

- <10MW DER's</p>
- Voltage constraints
- Distribution Automation

GTA map showing the Host Distributors feeders (blue and orange lines)



#### WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

The Sub-Transmission is not static, it is often reconfigured due to maintenance and both the Embedded Distributors and IESO are unaware of these reconfigurations. If a market signal is sent that changes a customer's load or increases the voltage injected to the grid and Hydro One is unaware, the sudden change can negatively impact the other customers on the line, Embedded Distributors and sub-transmission assets. For example, if a DER is told to stop injecting power, there will be a rise in load amps, causing low voltage on the line or a breach of the thermal limits on Host Distributors assets.

### **Common D-D Interfaces**



#### Express Feeders



**NOTE:** Only the Hybrid Feeders which contain Embedded Distributors would need to be considered in the Constraint Analysis.

Express Feeder constrains would already be considered by the ISO.

### Hybrid (Embedded LDC) Feeders



## **D-D Communication Process Options**



**Express Feeder:** The high level communication process that NYISO has developed could be utilized for Ontario's Express Feeder scenarios.

**Hybrid Feeder**: The communications process needs to layer in the Host Distributor to ensure that the physical characteristics and operation of the host distributor system are integrated.

### **Express Feeder Communication Process**



### Hybrid Feeder Communication Process



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Market Participation	<b></b>
Pseudo Control / Contstraints	<b>→</b>

### **D-D Communication Process: Hybrid Feeder Option** BENEFITS



•Leverages existing contracts & infrastructure as most Embedded Distributors currently have ICCP links and connection contracts with the Host Distributor. The Host Distributor already has ICCP links with ISO.

•Utilizing the existing ICCP links would maximize the value of existing assets and enable fast and cost-effective deployment, while achieving the communication coordination goals. Host Distributor could send aggregated DER values to ISO to enhance ISO visibility, increasing market accuracy.

•The Host Distributor will need to convey constraints within their system in any communication process. This cannot be overlooked. By allowing the exchange of measurement values in real time, constraints would be minimized, allowing for greater utilization of DER within the market.

• Enables future Grid Modernization and Self Healing initiatives.

Hybrid Feeder Communication Process



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## Considerations

In all communication protocols and scenarios, costs and operational process impacts will need to be investigated. Below are some considerations that should be made:

### **Operational:**

- If we have aggregate values from PME, does ISO require to have specific DER values from DER Aggregator sites?
- How would the DER Market manage the constraints from Host Distributor in NYISO model?
- If both Host and Embedded Distributors provide constraints, how would this be managed?

### <u>Cost:</u>

- What is cost to establish ICCP from Embedded Distributor to ISO who do not currently have ICCP connection?
- What is the cost to enable telemetry on PME, and cascade values to ISO through the Host Distributor?



### Wholesale Market Coordination Process: Day Ahead



## Wholesale Market - Day Ahead: Exercise



#### Wholesale Market Coordination Process: Day Ahead ISO **Host Distributor Embedded Distributor** Aggregator Timelines **DER Owner** Distributors provide 1500 Hours: Up to Receive info on Provide info to information on Two Days Prior to Provide info on system Adjust resource Aggregator system impacts constraints system impacts dispatch Operating Day 0500 Hours: One Aggregators submit Submit Receive bid Day Prior to bid to ISO resource bid from aggregator Operating Day ISO provides DA 1100 Hours: One Provide DA commitments to Day Prior to aggregated Receive DA **Receive DA** Aggregator and Operating Day commitments commitment commitment Distributors Aggregator 1300 Hours: One communicates DER Utility checks Provide system individual DER Day Prior to dispatch to constraints dispatch Operating Day Distributors Review Revise Receive results resource bid if aggregator's ~1500 Hours: One Distributors review of utility review dispatch required Day Prior to aggregator dispatch Operating Day

## Wholesale Market: D-D Consideration



Please click on the object below to access the Wholesale Market: Day Ahead Process Template



## Wholesale Market I D-D - Excercise I



## Thank you

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