

Feedback Form

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Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group (TDWG) – June 16, 2023

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- Following the June 16th Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group meeting, the IESO is seeking feedback on a number of questions related to transmission-distribution coordination.
- **Please provide feedback by July 7, 2023 to engagement@ieso.ca.** Please use subject header: *TDWG*. To promote transparency, this feedback will be posted on the [TDWG webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.
- The IESO will work to consider and incorporate comments as appropriate and provide responses at the next TDWG meeting. Thank you for your contribution.

Specific Questions for Comment/Feedback

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<p>General Feedback on Terms of Reference, Deliverables and Work Plan</p> <p>1 Any general feedback on the proposed (1) Terms of Reference; and (2) Deliverables and Work Plan documents?</p>	<p>There must be a mechanism for approval for each deliverable so that each deliverable will have the benefit of feedback from and sign off from the working group members. Possibly a voting system, or quarterly project stage gates, where the leads will present their direction and status to solicit TDWG feedback. This feedback would need to be formally documented and actioned.</p>
<p>Transcription of Meetings</p> <p>Should TDWG meetings be recorded and/or transcribed?</p>	<p>TDWG is a technical group that is evolving and learning through the process, our preference is to avoid transcripts of meetings. However, we are ok with whatever direction is decided.</p>
<p>Proposed Deliverables</p> <p>Are the deliverables too ambitious?</p> <p>Will we as a working group be able to deliver?</p>	<p>The deliverables appear to be manageable, and should not require costly overhead, as we believe the deliverable will be a short report.</p> <p>There should be project / deliverable stage gates along the way to allow the full TDWG to provide input and feedback.</p>
<p>Other Deliverables</p> <p>Are there any deliverables (or components of deliverables) that should be added in? Are there any deliverables (or components of deliverables) that are unnecessary and can be de-prioritized?</p>	<p>The deliverables seem adequate at a high level now, as the Scope of Work (SOW) for each deliverable will be defined by the deliverable leads. As noted above, the TDWG members must have an opportunity to review and provide comments for each deliverable SOW and the deliverable timelines.</p> <p>To confirm, are the deliverables intended to provide recommendations / solutions for both T-DSO and Dual Participation models?</p>

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<p>Deliverable Leads</p> <p>Are you interested in leading the development of any of the deliverables or participating in sub-groups related to any them? If so, please specify the deliverable of interest and why you are well suited for it.</p>	<p>We would be interested in leading the 'Communication Assessment', based on our vast experience developing coordination interfaces with IESO, LDCs and DER(A). Also we would like to be contributors to the 'Coordination Protocol' and 'Shared Platform' Sub-Groups.</p>
<p>T-D Coordination Models</p> <p>Are there any other T-D coordination models that should be investigated? If so, why do you think it may be appropriate in the context of the operation of the Ontario electricity system?</p>	<p>We believe the current coordination models are fine. We request that each coordination model include the role of the Host Distributor, as it is not clearly identified in either model.</p>
<p>Workshop</p> <p>Was the in-person and virtual hybrid meeting format helpful for the purposes of the group workshop?</p>	<p>I think that the format was great. It provides the opportunity to be more collaborative in person, and provides flexibility of remote attendance if people are unable to attend in person.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

- We noticed that the in person meeting sparked a lot of good dialogue. We did however notice that the dialogue often drifted to peripheral topics that were outside of the TDWG's objectives. We suggest that we continue to remind our TDWG members to remain focused on our objectives to help meet our deliverables. There was a lot of dialogue about pricing structures etc that is not in scope for TDWG.
- Opportunities for input and feedback from the TDWG for each of the deliverables, as they are developed, must be provided. Further, some form of endorsement or acceptance for each deliverable is required by the TDWG members (Voting, stage gates etc).