Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group (TDWG)

Meeting Notes

Meeting date: October 27, 2023

Meeting time: 9:30 – 12:00 PM

Meeting location: Virtual

Agenda Item 1: Introduction, Deliverables Team, Feedback Responses, and Next Steps (IESO)

- IESO staff opened the meeting with an introductory presentation

- IESO presented an update to the five deliverables discussed at the Jun 16, 2023 meeting

- The deliverables leads and sub-groups were presented. Leads include:
  - A. Coordination Protocols - IESO
  - B1. Functional Assessment - Toronto Hydro + Alectra
  - B2. Communication Assessment - Hydro One
  - B3. Shared Platform Concept - Alectra
  - B4. Architectural Assessment - IESO

- It was noted that the DER Modelling Study is being finalized by EPRI, including 3 'technical briefs'

- Feedback received following the June 16, 2023 meeting was summarized and IESO responses were discussed, including regarding the deliverables, the workplan, recording meetings, in-person meetings, and some general comments raised.

- It is anticipated that there will be two additional TDWG meetings before the end of the year.

- Action log items were mentioned, including the ask for TDWG members to provide feedback on the Oct 27, 2023 meeting

- Reacting to feedback responses, a TDWG member proposed that TDWG meetings be recorded for the purpose of referencing immediately following the meetings, but subsequently deleted and not shared publicly. IESO team was open to this approach, noted the continued desire for consensus, and committed to include the issue as a feedback question following the meeting.

- A TDWG member also proposed that the coverletters, which the IESO is going to put together and will be pre-pended to each of the Deliverable final reports, should include the opinions of different parties, if there are differing opinions. A format used by the OEB was noted as a

potential template. The IESO team is open to the proposed approach and mentioned that there will be future opportunities to discuss the format of the coverletter.

- Two TDWG members verbally expressed interest in joining the Deliverables sub-groups. The IESO team noted that there will be a small time commitment for those that volunteer to contribute to the Deliverables. Moreover, it was highlighted that TDWG members will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback (including as part of workshops) on all of the work packages that comprise the SOWs. IESO staff asked that additional TDWG members that have interest in joining the sub-groups send an email to the IESO team to get the process initiated.

Agenda Item 2: Walkthrough of the Five Deliverable's Statements of Work (Deliverables Leads)

- Representatives from each of the Deliverables leads walked the TDWG members through their respective statement of work (SOWs)

- The SOWs include descriptions of the deliverable, work packages, timelines, dependencies, and resources for executing each Deliverable

- The SOWs will inform the TDWG workplan to end of 2024 and will build on related work conducted as part of the TDWG since the beginning of 2022

- A combined workplan, which consisting of work packages and timelines from all of the SOWs, will be presented at one of the next TDWG meetings, including a discussion of dependencies

- Reacting to the SOWs, a TDWG member asked if the B1 Functional Assessment deliverable includes the functions and capabilities of DER participants and the IESO. Representatives from the Deliverables team noted that the focus of the Deliverable is LDC functions, but that mapping the user journeys (as part of the work packages for the Deliverable) includes consideration of other parties.

- A TDWG member asked if the Deliverables will explore cost allocation. Representatives from the Deliverables team noted that cost allocation is outside of the scope of the Deliverables.

- A TDWG member noted that in addition to the real-time exchange of data in Deliverable B2 Communications Assessment there is also static and/or semi-static information that needs to be shared. Outage planning and communication was mentioned as an example of data exchange that is not necessarily real-time, but very important to share in a transparent and timely manner for third-party DER participants to ensure fairness. The Deliverables team noted outage communication is contemplated in the SOW.

- A TDWG member asked whether the Shared Platform concept being explored in Deliverable B3 is intended to be a singular platform for the entire province. The Deliverables team indicated that shared platforms could be shared among some LDCs or regionally, but for the full value of the concept to be realized may involve a province-wide solution. Additionally, it was noted that the focus of the Deliverable is specifications/functions that a shared platform would require.

Action Log Summary

IESO staff will maintain an ongoing action log to track actions raised in the TDWG meetings and their resolution. The log will be reviewed at the start of each TDWG meeting.

Date	Action	Resolution
Oct 27, 2023	TDWG members to use the feedback form found under the Oct 27, 2023 entry on the TDWG **webpage** to provide comments and send to **engagement@ieso.ca** by Nov 17, 2023	
Oct 27, 2023	IESO to circulate meeting notes among TDWG members by Nov 3, 2023	
Oct 27, 2023	IESO to post all meeting materials, incl. feedback received and meeting notes, to the TDWG webpage by Nov 24, 2023	