

# Feedback Form

## Transmission-Distribution Coordination Working Group (TDWG) – October 27, 2023

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Following the October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 November 17, 2023 to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto: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

Topic	Feedback
<p><b>SOWs and TDWG Objectives</b></p> <p>Taken together, do the SOWs comprehensively address the objective of the TDWG?</p>	<p>The objective of the TDWG, which is understood to be the development of implementation-ready protocols in support of the IESO's Market Vision Project's foundational participation, is well reflected in the SOWs.</p> <p>Reflecting the MVP enhanced participation may require more specific and separate thought by Deliverable Leads and Subgroup Members.</p>
<p><b>Clarity of SOWs</b></p> <p>Are the SOWs clear? Are there areas of the SOWs that need more explanation?</p>	<p>Overall, the SOWs are clear. Communicating the dependencies and differences between them will be an ongoing effort.</p> <p><b>B3 – Shared Platform</b></p> <p>It is important to be clear about the scope of Shared Platform, as it has core purposes other than being a 'market platform' as some may assume. Indeed, the SOW is fairly clear that it is primarily an information sharing platform which allows the operational T-D protocols to be layered on in a flexible manner.</p>
<p><b>Scope of SOWs</b></p> <p>Is the scope of each SOW appropriate and comprehensive enough? Are there any areas that should be added to or removed from the SOWs?</p>	<p><b>B3 – Shared Platform</b></p> <p>Overall, the synthesis of international learnings and translating them to the Ontario context is a welcomed scope.</p>
<p><b>Work Packages</b></p> <p>Are the work packages defined for each of the SOWs logically structured?</p>	<p><b>B3 – Shared Platform</b></p> <p>We encourage Work Package 5, which considers ownership structure, to deeply investigate a variety of solutions. Although the Shared Platform will be technology/vendor agnostic, it cannot be ownership agnostic. There are implications for whether it is meant to be solely 'owned' the IESO, Distributors, Transmitters, any mix of those, or others.</p>
<p><b>Timelines</b></p> <p>Are the timelines for each Deliverable realistic and achievable?</p>	<p>Overall, the timeline is a quick pace of work and coordination. Considering the engagement timelines, some Work Packages slated for Q4 2023 may be increasingly ambitious to achieve.</p>

## Meeting Recordings

### **Comfort in Recording Meetings**

Are you comfortable with the TDWG meetings being recorded for the purpose of referencing immediately following the meetings, to then be deleted and not shared publicly?

Echoing Essex's previous statement on transcription for the feedback to the June 16 TDWG meeting; recording or transcription is welcomed if it supports a more descriptive note taking process and is not shared publicly.

## General Comments/Feedback

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General consideration about the definition of the 'unit' of interface for T-D coordination is required. I.e. "Local Distribution Area", "Service Territory", or "Transmission Supply Point". Multiple Distributors may be represented at a specific transmission supply point, and the design of the T-D interface is largely determined by who may access it, particularly in a T-DSO model. Multi-party access to supply points (including embedded distributor arrangements) is almost certainly a consideration that requires great attention.