

# IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project Feedback Form

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Following the July 23, 2020 webinar to discuss the IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project, the IESO is seeking feedback from participants on the Draft Demonstration Project Rules. Please provide your feedback in Table 1 below. The IESO will work to consider feedback and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the engagement webpage. The referenced presentation and associated Draft Demonstration Project Rules can be found under the July 23, 2020 entry on the IESO York Region NWA Demonstration Project [webpage](#).

The IESO is also seeking more information about your organization. Please complete the applicable sections in Table 2 below. Please note the IESO will not post the information you submit in Table 2.

**Please provide feedback by August 13, 2020 to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca).** Please use subject: *Feedback: York Region NWA Demo*. To promote transparency, feedback submitted in Table 1 below will be posted on the IESO York Region NWA Demonstration Project [webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

Thank you for your time.

Table 1

Topic	Feedback
<i>Do the proposed dates present any challenges?</i>	No comment.
<p><i>General feedback on the Draft Demonstration Project Rules</i></p> <p>(please include the specific section of the Rules being referenced)</p>	<p>The EDA’s January 10, 2020 feedback identified that participation in the demonstration auction can be improved by permitting participation of LDCs or LDC affiliate companies, if they are not related to the entity serving as a distribution system operator. The EDA is pleased to see that the IESO’s draft program rules adopted this recommendation and allowed LDCs and their affiliates to participate in the demonstration project.</p>
<p><b><u>General Comments/Feedback:</u></b></p> <p>The EDA supports the York Region NWA demonstration project and we are encouraged that the IESO is exploring new opportunities and approaches with respect to integrating and operating distributed energy resources (DERs), including new roles for the distribution sector. As demonstrated by the EDA’s Power to Connect vision paper and roadmap documents, the EDA envisions that Ontario’s local distribution companies will take on new roles as fully integrated network orchestrators by enabling, controlling and operating DERs within their networks. We look forward to the next steps of this demonstration program, including implementation and discussion of lessons-learned for Ontario’s electricity sector.</p>	