

Part 1 – Panel Members

Panel Members hearing the application: Rob Wong, David Collie

Part 2 – General Information

1. Exemption Application ID: 1370
2. Market Participant Name: York Energy Centre LP
3. Location/Site: 18781 Dufferin St. Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9
4. Role of Exemption Applicant in the market as it pertains to this exemption application: Generator
5. Date Exemption Application Heard: 24/06/2026
6. Did Exemption Applicant agree to Terms and Conditions of the IESO Staff Recommendation: Yes
7. Market Rule(s) or related market manual(s) from which the exemption is requested: MR Ch.7 s. 3.5.29.2
8. Material Reviewed: a) IESO Staff Presentation b) York Energy Centre <i>Exemption Application</i> d) IESO Staff Recommendation
9. Exemption Applicant’s Position: York Energy Center (YEC) requests an <i>exemption</i> to MR Ch.7 s. 3.5.29.2. In the implementation of the renewed <i>market rules</i> , YEC was deemed non-compliant with the rule. The Market Assessment and Compliance Division agreed to allow YEC to continue to input a Minimum Loading Point (MLP) of zero to continue to participate in the <i>30-minute operating reserve market</i> in the interim of an <i>exemption</i> being granted.

10. IESO Staff Recommendation: *IESO* staff recommends that the *exemption* be granted. The renewed market rule Ch.7 s. 3.5.29.2 requires non-quick start resources to submit a *minimum loading point* (MLP) of greater than 0 MW. Greater than 0 MW MLP signals to IESO tools that a resource is incapable of achieving its MLP in time to provide 30-minute operating reserve. YEC is, however, able to achieve its MLP in time to provide 30-minute operating reserve and the IESO wishes for it to do so. Because YEC may also receive lost opportunity cost make-whole payments as a result of it being dispatched below its registered MLP (which is greater than 0 MW) and such payments are not an intended feature of the market design or the *exemption*, the *IESO* will recover all ineligible make-whole payments.

Part 3 – Panel Decision

Panel Decision:

Exemption 1370 is granted to York Energy Centre LP subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

Part 4 – Reasons

Reasons of the Panel:

Compliance with the *market rules* for all *market participants* is mandatory, however, it is possible for the *IESO* to grant an *exemption* from the *market rules* on a discretionary and case-by-case basis.

In rendering the decision, the Panel considered the IESO Staff Recommendation, the materials submitted by the IESO and York Energy Centre (YEC), as well as the applicable *market rules*.

IESO Staff has not identified any material impact on the efficiency, competitiveness or *reliability* of the *IESO-administered markets*, nor any increased costs to *market participants* or consumers, should the *exemption* to be granted.

The settlement treatment contemplated by the *exemption* is not expected to result in a significant increase in *IESO* costs, although it would impose a limited administrative burden on *IESO* Staff.

The granting of this *exemption* would not give YEC undue preference in the *IESO-administered markets*. Rather, it would allow them to continue participating in the *30-minute operating reserve market* to the benefit of the *IESO* and *consumers*.

Part 5 – Terms and Conditions

Effective Date of <i>Exemption</i> (or event causing exemption to become effective): 24/06/2026
Date of Expiration of <i>Exemption</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If greater than 5 years, the Panel must be satisfied that the circumstances justify a later date.• Circumstances which will cause the exemption to immediately expire. <p><i>Exemption is for life of the facility.</i></p>
Market rule(s) or related market manual(s) from which the exemption is granted: Market Rules Ch.7 s.3.5.29.2 for the purpose of providing <i>30-minute operating reserve</i> .
Restrictions on the manner of operation and/or additional obligations to be met during the term of the <i>exemption</i>, if any: N/A
Monitoring Information Required: N/A
Payment of Costs: A real-time Lost Opportunity Cost (LOC) make-whole payment can be triggered where the real-time LOC economic operating point (EOP) is greater than the resource's dispatch scheduled MWs. The intent of the design is for these payments to occur in instances where dispatches and MW quantities are at or above the <i>minimum loading point</i> . In the settlement solution, where the real-time LOC EOP MW is less than YEC's registered <i>minimum loading point</i> , the real-time LOC EOP will be set as equal to the real-time dispatch scheduled MWs, such that the LOC make-whole payment calculation will not be triggered.

Reconsideration/Removal:

- Date on which the *exemption* will be reconsidered (if applicable)
- Circumstances under which the *exemption* will be reconsidered (if applicable) other than unforeseen future change in circumstances

The *exemption* may be reconsidered, at the sole discretion of the *IESO*.

Other: N/A