

# LLT RFP Question and Comment Period

## June 22, 2026

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## Questions and Comments

The following document summarizes IESO responses to the questions and comments submitted to the IESO in respect of the final LLT RFP documents posted on May 6, 2026, that were submitted pursuant to Section 3.2(a) of the Long Lead-Time Request for Proposals (LLT RFPs) prior to the Question and Comment Deadline.

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<p>1) How is the IESO defining "project" when utilizing a cascading system with five or six different sites?</p>	<p>Per Section 2.1(c)(i) of the LLT(c) RFP and the LLT(e) RFP, the IESO has defined an LLT Capacity Project and an LLT Energy Project as a facility that delivers Electricity through its own meter.</p> <p>Projects on cascading river systems must be submitted individually and are not permitted to be aggregated under a single Proposal.</p>
<p>2) What is the earliest a project can reach Commercial Operation?</p>	<p>Per Article 2.3(a) of the LLT(c) Contract and the LLT(e) Contract, in no circumstances shall the Supplier be permitted to achieve Commercial Operation prior to the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Contract Date and in the event the Supplier seeks to achieve Commercial Operation from and after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Contract Date but prior to the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Contract Date, it shall require the prior written consent of the IESO, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.</p> <p>Projects may reach Commercial Operation anytime between the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Contract Date and the Milestone Commercial Operation Date (MCO) without requesting prior written consent, subject to meeting all other requirements for Commercial Operation outlined in Article 2.5 of the LLT Contracts.</p>
<p>3) Is a project that is located outside of Ontario but directly connected to a Distribution System or a Transmission System in Ontario eligible to participate in the LLT RFP?</p>	<p>No, to be eligible to participate in the LLT RFP projects must be located in the Province of Ontario. Per Article 2.2(a) of the LLT(c) Contract and the LLT(e) Contract, the Supplier agrees that the Facility shall be located in the Province of Ontario.</p>
<p>4) Does the deliverability test reserve capacity on the system? How does deliverability testing relate to the connection process with the transmitter/distributor?</p>	<p>No, the Deliverability Test conducted as part of Stage 5 evaluation under the LLT RFP does not reserve connection capacity for the proposed LLT Energy Project or LLT Capacity Project.</p>

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	<p>The Deliverability Test assesses the ability of a project, as an energy or capacity resource, to deliver the intended energy or capacity during the contract term. Deliverability Test results are distinct from, and in addition to, any Connection Impact Assessment, System Impact Assessment or Customer Impact Assessment required pursuant to Laws and Regulations. Receiving a result of “Deliverable” in a Deliverability Test does not imply that the project will pass the connection assessment and approval process, or that connection costs or connection in-service dates will be within any specific range or estimate, or otherwise affect a Market Participant’s obligations under the Market Rules. For clarity, the Deliverability Test does not evaluate the technical solution to connect a proposed project. Proponents are encouraged to discuss that aspect with applicable Transmitters and Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) prior to submitting a proposal into the LLT RFP.</p>
<p>5) Does the pre-deliverability test include testing of both the charge and discharge capability? Will results indicate whether or not the charging capacity is “deliverable”?</p>	<p>Yes, the pre-deliverability test includes both a charge and a discharge test for LLT Capacity Projects, as detailed in Section 3.2.2.1 of the LLT RFP Deliverability Test Methodology.</p> <p>Results will indicate if the project fails the pre-deliverability test due to charging.</p>
<p>6) For a hydroelectric or Pumped Hydroelectric Storage project, does the Project Site include the existing/to be constructed reservoir that will be used for the purposes of generating Electricity? How should this be reflected in the Crown Land Shapefile submitted as part of the Proposal (if applicable)?</p>	<p>Per the LLT RFP, Project Site means all Properties on which the proposed LLT Energy Project or LLT Capacity Project is to be located, excluding any Connection Line. This means that the Project Site includes all Properties on which the proposed LLT Energy Project or LLT Capacity Project related infrastructure will be located. For hydroelectricity and pumped hydroelectric storage projects, this may include the existing/to be constructed reservoir depending on system configuration and location of project related infrastructure.</p> <p>For hydroelectric Electricity generating facilities, the Provincial Crown Land Shapefile or Federal Crown Land Shapefile required by the IESO</p>

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	<p>should highlight the portions of the reservoir where the impoundment facility will be located. Where the reservoir is a lake or river system, the entire waterbody may not need to be included.</p> <p>For Pumped Hydroelectric Storage, where the system is closed loop, any existing/ to be constructed reservoirs should be included in their entirety and in the case of open loop systems, the portions of the lake or river system being used for the purposes of installed project infrastructure should be included.</p>
<p>7) Can I submit the same shapefile as part of the Public Land Site Report (PLSR) submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and my Proposal to participate in the LLT RFP? Are there any notable differences between the shapefile requirements?</p>	<p>Provincial Crown Land Shapefile requirements are generally consistent across the LLT RFP and the PLSR, however some key differences include:</p> <p><b><u>Project Site boundary requirements:</u></b></p> <p><u>PLSR:</u> Requires only one polygon mapping the project boundary which identifies the full extent of the project site, including specific elements outlined in the PLSR form.</p> <p><u>LLT RFP:</u> The Provincial Crown Land Shapefile may include multiple polygons mapping the boundary of the Project Site (per the defined term in the LLT RFP) depending on whether the Proposal includes any PQ Alternates.</p> <p><b><u>Inclusion of details outside the boundary of the Project Site:</u></b></p> <p><u>PLSR:</u> The PLSR requires the shapefile to identify the proposed project site located on public lands, in relation to geographic features outside of the project site (e.g., adjacent roads, neighboring communities, transmission corridors, and water bodies).</p> <p><u>LLT RFP:</u> No requirements related to what features should be included outside of the Project Site.</p> <p>In both cases, the shapefiles should define the boundary of the Project Site that is located</p>

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	<p>within Provincial Crown Land. However, the shapefile submitted to MNR may include a larger area than a Proponent decides to include in their Proposal to the IESO.</p> <p>As a reminder, Proponents must attest that the Project Site information contained in the Provincial Crown Land Shapefile is consistent in all material respects with the Project Site information included in the Proponent’s PLSR.</p> <p>Proponents are encouraged to review the <a href="#">Ministry of Natural Resource’s Public Land Site Report</a> for further details and contact the Ministry of Natural Resources (see 11.1) for further details and clarifications on shapefile requirements as part of the PLSR.</p> <p>The IESO has published <a href="#">Crown Land Shapefile Guidelines</a> to support Proponent’s in preparing Crown Land Shapefiles for the purposes of the LLT RFP.</p>
<p>8) Will the IESO provide Proponents with the Reserve Price prior to the Registration Start Date?</p>	<p>No, the Reserve Price is a <b>confidential price threshold</b> determined by the IESO (in \$ per MWh under the LLT(e) RFP and \$ per MW Business Day under the LLT(c) RFP) and documented with the Fairness Advisor prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline. It will not be shared with Proponents.</p>
<p>9) Will proponents with Crown Land Sites with current “Applicant of Record” status:(a) receive any priority points, and/or (b) be allowed ECO earlier than the 5-year ECO</p>	<p>No, Rated Criteria points will not be awarded to Proponents with Applicant of Record status. Details regarding Rated Criteria Points that are available for Proposals that meet the applicable requirements can be found in Section 4.3 of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP.</p> <p>Per Article 2.3 of the LLT(e) Contract and LLT(c) Contract, under no circumstances shall the Supplier be permitted to achieve Commercial Operation prior to the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Contract Date. This restriction applies to all Suppliers regardless of Applicant of Record Status.</p>
<p>10) Will LLT Contracts be transferable?</p>	<p>Yes, following COD, LLT Contracts may be assigned by a Supplier subject to the prior written consent of the IESO, which shall not be unreasonably withheld , with certain exceptions,</p>

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	<p>as further described in Section 16.5 and 16.7 of the LLT Contract. Under certain conditions, a Supplier may also assign an LLT Contract at any time to an Affiliate acquiring the Facility, upon the Affiliate agreeing to be bound by the LLT Contract pursuant to Section 16.5(b) of the LLT Contract.</p>
<p>11) What is the Indigenous Energy Support Program and where can I find more information?</p>	<p>The IESO offers funding support through the <a href="#">Indigenous Energy Support Program (IESP)</a>. The IESP promotes broad equitable participation in Ontario’s energy sector for Indigenous communities and organizations, by offering funding to support assessment and development of opportunities for partnerships and participation in new or existing energy infrastructure projects. More information regarding the program is available on the <a href="#">IESO’s IESP web page</a>.</p> <p>The IESO Indigenous Engagement Team also encourages Indigenous communities to reach out with any questions that they may have regarding the IESP at <a href="mailto:IESP@ieso.ca">IESP@ieso.ca</a>.</p>