

# Feedback Form

## Regional Electricity Planning in East Lake Superior – July 9, 2025

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- Following the East Lake Superior electricity planning engagement webinar held on July 9, 2025, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking your feedback on the draft electricity demand forecast scenarios and the proposed engagement plan. A copy of the presentation and the recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).
- **Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by July 30, 2025.**

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What additional information, if any should be incorporated in the proposed scenarios?	The January 2023 Ontario Climate Change Risk Assessment must be an integral consideration in any serious discussion surrounding new and upgraded transmission and hydroelectric facilities throughout all regions of Ontario.

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How can the proposed scenarios best capture the range and uncertainty of growth potential while informing near-term infrastructure investments?	The Terms of Reference in Appendix 2 set out a reasonable approach to managing growth uncertainties and infrastructure investments.
What areas of concern or interest about electricity should be considered as part of the planning process?	That all new and upgraded transmission and generation infrastructure takes climate change fully into account, and there is no better resource in this regard than the Ontario Climate Change Risk Assessment Report.
What information is important to provide throughout the engagement? Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for input? What other engagement activities or methods should be considered?	Stakeholders need to see strong justification for all new or upgraded infrastructure developments.

## General Comments/Feedback

The Ford government's stated priority of becoming an "Energy Superpower" by procuring new electricity generation above our needs must be rejected in favour of caution during this period of inherent uncertainties related to future industrial development, and in the long-term pursuit of keeping electricity prices for ratepayers at a minimum.

The East Lake Superior Scoping Assessment Outcome Report (ELSSA) did not identify any new electricity generation requirements, as the region currently has over 1,200 MW of generation, including numerous hydroelectric facilities, solar and wind farms and thermal generation facilities. However, several transmission-related projects were recommended to address the growing electricity demands.

The Ontario Rivers Alliance supports all the recommendations outlined in the ELSSA for the development of an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP). This IRRP would determine the near and medium-term needs for the East Lake Superior Region, including the Sault Ste. Marie area capacity needs (as discussed in Section 5.2, and according to the Terms of Reference in Appendix 2).

Thank you for this opportunity to comment!

Respectfully,

Linda Heron, Chair  
Ontario Rivers Alliance