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The final [East Lake Superior Integrated Regional Resource Plan](#) (IRRP) is now posted along with the [IESO's response to feedback](#). The associated appendices of data used in the IRRP will be posted in August. The IRRP looks at the unique needs of a region and considers a range of options to meeting the area's electricity needs over a 20-year period.

To ensure the plan reflects the needs of market participants, municipalities, stakeholders, communities, Indigenous communities, customers and the general public, the IESO engaged extensively through a [dedicated webpage](#), targeted discussions, webinars and other communication channels. Input from these engagements informed the development of the report and shaped its final recommendations.

Electricity demand in the East Lake Superior region is projected to grow significantly due to industrial electrification and broader electrification. To meet demand and ensure the electricity system in the East Lake Superior region meets reliability and planning criteria, this plan recommends:

- Installing a reactive device (capacitor) to improve supply capacity and voltage performance for the Chapleau area, supported by additional eDSM as an interim measure.
- Pursuing generation options at the Sault Ste. Marie 115 kV interface to improve voltage stability while monitoring load growth to determine whether an additional autotransformer is required in the future.
- Obtaining an operational measure exemption at the Algoma 115 kV interface as enhancements to the existing remedial action scheme (RAS) are implemented.
- Monitoring load growth and system performance to understand if additional system improvements identified in this plan should be advanced to maintain compliance with reliability criteria.

For background about the study scope, engagement and details about the East Lake Superior region, visit the [engagement webpage](#).

This concludes the engagement initiative for the East Lake Superior IRRP. The Technical Working Group appreciates your participation and input throughout the IRRP development. Regional Planning is carried out at regular intervals to ensure planning is flexible and responsive to a range of future outcomes. To support planning efforts in-between regional planning cycles, the Technical Working Group encourages you to engage your local distribution company on new developments and local energy priorities. Please contact engagement@ieso.ca if you have any questions regarding the East Lake Superior IRRP.

Kind regards,

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