

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in the North of Dryden Addendum – July 30, 2025

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Following the North of Dryden Addendum regional planning webinar held on July 30, 2025, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the results of the options analysis and draft recommendations. A copy of the presentation as well as recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by August 13, 2025.

Topic	Feedback
What feedback do you have regarding the results of the detailed options analysis?	The comparison between the options and the conclusions reached for each was helpful in understanding the reason for the final recommendation. However, it would have been helpful if the document actually showed the MW capacity of each of the lines rather than the ETF having to request the information during the initial review.
What feedback do you have on the draft recommendations?	The recommendation for the construction of a new, twin circuit transmission line connecting Dryden to Ear Falls and then to Red Lake, along with the recommendation to provide reactive support on the Ear Falls to Pickle Lake existing line is the ideal choice to meet the current and future electrical needs of the area. The NW Energy Task Force fully supports this recommendation. However, the timeline outlined in the presentation is too long to meet the intended start of a variety of mining operations and every effort must be taken to expedite the process leading up to the start of construction of the line. This includes recommending that the Ministry of Energy and Mines declare this new line a priority project and also designate Hydro One as the constructor/owner of the line. It also means streamlining the EA process, particularly if the new line utilizes the existing transmission corridor (with widening likely).
How can the IESO continue to engage with communities and stakeholders as these recommendations are implemented, or to help prepare for the next planning cycle?	<p>The final report should be shared with the NW Energy Task Force and the Municipalities and First Nations directly affected concurrently with its submission to the Ministry. That will assist the parties in preparing follow-up advocacy with the Ministry.</p> <p>As many of the NW municipalities will be at AMO starting on Aug 17 with some of them having arranged for meetings with the Minister of Energy it would be helpful to receive an advance copy (or at the very least, an email indicating that the recommendations as presented will be what is in the final report) so they can advocate for a quick and positive response by the Minister.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

While this recommendation has taken way too long to reach (advocacy on this issue started in 2007 as part of the Integrated Power System Plan OEB review), the NW Energy Task Force appreciates the current work of the IESO and staff to put together a workable plan for the area. Thank You.