

# Technical Panel

## Operationalizing the TP's Revised Terms of Reference

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# Purpose & Overview

- Terms of Reference (ToR) were revised effective with IESO Board approval on February 27, 2020
- Revisions to the ToR were a result of an IESO review of TP processes and composition (*recommended by the Governance and Decision-Making Advisory Group*)
- This presentation highlights the main areas of change in the new terms and how the IESO intends to operationalize those enhancements

# What has changed?

The review of the Technical Panel process and composition enabled the following enhancements:

## **Composition:**

- Established additional panel vacancies for defined constituencies
- Re-establish staggered expiry of member terms

## **Process:**

- “Vote to post” step for proposed rule amendments for broader stakeholder comment will be at the discretion of the TP
  - (IESO will continue to provide a recommendation)
- Draft TP agenda will be sent to TP members two weeks in advance of a TP meeting for feedback
  - Responding to the Panel request to be more involved in setting agendas (*not captured in the ToR specifically; although, was part of the review and discussion*)

# Composition: New Vacancies

- New vacancies in the Market Participant category to include:
  - One additional generator representative (now at 3) with at least one representing **renewable generators**
  - One **Demand Response** representative
  - One **Energy Storage** representative
- A maximum of six members as either Market Participant or non-Market Participant representatives outlined in s.4.1.2 of the Terms of Reference (*this was previously set to a minimum of three and a maximum of five*)

# Current TP Representation

- Core Market Participant members (up to 10)
  - Generators (3) Vlad Urukov, Sushil Samant, **New Opportunity**
  - Transmitter (1) Robert Reinmuller
  - Distributor (1) Joe Saunders
  - Importer/Exporter (1) Julien Wu
  - Consumers (2) Dave Forsyth, **Phil Lasek**
  - Demand Response (1) **Sarah Griffiths**
  - Energy Storage (1) **New Opportunity**
- Other Constituencies (up to 6)
  - Generators
  - Consumers Robert Bieler, Robert Lake
  - Energy Related  
Businesses & Services Ron Collins
  - Other Market Participants **(Up to two)**
- IESO Member (1) Jessica Savage

# Composition: Re-establish staggered terms

- In order to re-establish a staggered expiry of term, the IESO will look to extend some first term members
  - IESO will develop criteria to select members who represent constituencies involved with priority engagement initiatives such as MRP and the Capacity Auction
- Reference: TP Terms of Reference, section 4.4:
  - 4.4.1. Other than the IESO Panel member, Panel members will be appointed for three year terms and may serve up to six consecutive years. Membership terms will be coordinated and staggered so as to provide continuity to the Panel. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Board may extend the term of the current Panel member:  
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  - 4.4.3. During the transition of existing Panel members under these terms of reference, Panel members will maintain their current standing. The Board may in these instances extend existing members to align the expiry of terms as outlined in section 4.41.1 above.

# Process: Vote to Post

- Through discussions on the TP process, the traditionally routine step for a “vote to post” to seek broader stakeholder comment was identified as an area for improvement
- The panel recommended to include the following into the terms that provides flexibility to move to a vote to recommend if there has been adequate input from the broader stakeholder community (IESO will continue to make a recommendation)
- Reference: TP, Terms of Reference, section 3.2.3:
  - 3.2.3 “Despite section 3.2.2., where it determines there has been sufficient prior opportunity provided for stakeholder input, the Panel may by unanimous vote dispense with posting for further stakeholder comment.”

# Process: Agenda review

- The Panel requested a more involved role in setting meeting agendas
- The IESO proposed to send draft agendas to the Panel two weeks in advance of the meeting in order to allow for one week of review and suggested edits to the agenda prior to the IESO posting the draft agenda publically one week prior to the meeting as it does today
- Suggestions are requested by the following Monday and should be sent to Mike Lyle and Jason Grbavac

# Next Steps

## Composition:

- A call for nominations for a renewable generator and energy storage representative has been issued (applications are due May 28)
- Additional vacancies and term one expiries will be part of a subsequent call for nominations in advance of the October 31, 2020 expiry
- IESO Board will continue to review and appoint TP members

## Process:

- The vote to post consideration will be applied to the review of rules that are connected to engagements
- The panel's review of agendas before they are public commenced with this meeting and will continue

Please let us know if you have any questions!