

Minutes of the IESO Technical Panel Meeting

Meeting date: 2/16/2021
Meeting time: 09:00 a.m.
Meeting location: Video conference

Chair/Sponsor: Michael Lyle
Scribe: Mitchell Beer / Smarter Shift Inc.

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Invitees	Representing	Attendance Status Attended, Regrets, Teleconference
David Brown	Ontario Energy Board (Observer)	Attended
Jason Chee-Aloy	Renewable Generators	Attended
Ron Collins	Energy Related Businesses and Services	Attended
Rob Coulbeck	Importers/Exporters	Attended
Emma Coyle	Market Participant Generators	Attended
Dave Forsyth	Market Participant Consumers	Attended
Sarah Griffiths	Demand Response	Attended
Jennifer Jayapalan	Energy Storage	Attended
Robert Reinmuller	Transmitters	Attended
Joe Saunders	Distributors	Attended

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Vlad Urukov	Market Participant Generators	Attended
Jessica Savage	IESO	Attended
Michael Lyle	Chair	Attended
Secretariat		
Agatha Pyrka	IESO	Attended
IESO Presenters		
Michael Boll		
Adam Cumming		
Josh Duru		
Pat Kamstra		

Agenda Item 1: Introduction and Administration

Agatha Pyrka, IESO, welcomed participants and reminded Panel members of the standard logistics for online meetings.

The Chair invited comments and questions on the agenda.

The meeting agenda was adopted on a motion by Joe Saunders.

The Chair invited comments on the minutes of the Panel's last meeting. Vlad Urukov reviewed a comment he had submitted in advance, which was to include an additional question he asked. Mr. Urukov's question was a request for confirmation that the premium for the policy had been recovered via the admin fee. Michael Boll, IESO, affirmed Mr. Urukov's revision and said the minutes will be updated accordingly.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Sarah Griffiths.

Chair's Remarks:

The Chair noted that the Panel had now been meeting online for a year, adding that participants likely welcomed the virtual format for this meeting after a heavy snowfall. He congratulated Jessica

Savage, IESO, for taking on a new role with the Market Renewal Program that will require her to step down from her role as IESO member on the Technical Panel. The Chair acknowledged Ms. Savage's service and leadership on the Panel and said the IESO expected to recommend a new representative at the March Board meeting, along with nominees to fill the outstanding positions for two Market Participant Consumers and one Residential Consumer representative.

Agenda Item 2: Engagement Update

Ms. Pyrka reviewed the Prospective Technical Panel Schedule, including the day's vote to post on Options to Address Uninsured Liability Risk and the vote to recommend on CMSC Recovery for Dispatchable Loads. She noted that the batch of proposed Market Rule amendments on Market Entry and Prudential Security was scheduled for a vote to post in March and a vote to recommend in April.

The IESO has posted the latest in a series of thrice-annual updates to its Engagement Update, providing current status and next steps for active engagements and a comprehensive update on the linkages between the various engagements. The agenda for the February 22-23 Engagement Days has also been posted; it includes an introduction to the high-level design of the Bulk System Planning Process and an overview of the results of the 2020 Capacity Auction.

On Market Renewal, the IESO has posted its responses to stakeholder feedback on the January 22 line item, and Ms. Pyrka thanked Jason Chee-Aloy for his input on the matter. All detailed design documents have now been posted, along with a design change tracker that identifies actions resulting from stakeholder feedback, as well as items the IESO will address during the implementation phase of Market Renewal. An engagement meeting February 23 will go over the IESO settlement system and limitation period.

There were no comments or questions on the engagement update.

Agenda Item 3: Options to Address Uninsured Liability Risk

The Chair explained that the Technical Panel was being asked to consider this item ahead of stakeholder engagement at the February Engagement Days because of the desire to move forward expeditiously at a time when the IESO is in an uninsured situation. He said a vote to post would still allow an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the proposed Market Rule amendment.

Emma Coyle asked when the IESO first became aware of the issue. The Chair said and Mr. Boll confirmed that the issue first arose in September.

Adam Cumming, IESO, recapped the discussion to date, noting that the recommended Market Rule amendment was very much in line with the practices of other North American Independent System Operators and would address the current gap in insurance. He said the changes are limited to Sections 13.1.2 and 13.1.3 in Chapter 1 of the Market Rules.

Dave Forsyth asked whether the IESO could have exercised its power to implement an urgent Market Rule amendment while awaiting the full process. The Chair said the IESO had reviewed that option and determined that the current situation did not meet the criteria for an urgent amendment.

Mr. Urukov congratulated Ms. Savage on her new responsibilities at the IESO and acknowledged the expertise she had brought to the Technical Panel. He said he could appreciate the difficulties posed

by a tightening insurance market, but noted that the market had operated for 20 years with reciprocal coverage, embodied in identical language establishing the liability of Market Participants and IESO directors, officers, employees, and Technical Panel members. He suggested making any changes on a conditional basis, then checking the market in future to see whether negligence coverage again becomes available, rather than creating an imbalance in the Market Rules. Mr. Boll said the IESO would review the matter and consider periodically testing the insurance market for an opportunity to restore errors and omissions insurance for negligence. Mr. Urukov also enquired whether the word "by" was deleted in error in section 13.1.2. Mr. Boll indicated the IESO would look into it.¹

The motion to post the proposed Market Rule amendment for stakeholder comment was adopted on a motion by Mr. Chee-Aloy.

Agenda Item 4: CMSC Recovery for Dispatchable Loads

Josh Duru, IESO, reported that the proposed Market Rule amendment had been posted for two weeks and received no stakeholder comments. He said there had been no changes to the proposal since the Technical Panel last considered it, except for items agreed to at the last Panel meeting. He invited Panel members to vote on whether to recommend the proposal for Board approval at its March 10 meeting, with an effective date of April 6, 2021.

There were no questions or comments, and the motion to recommend was adopted on a motion by Rob Coulbeck.

The Chair reminded Technical Panel members to submit their written rationales for their votes to Agatha Pyrka by the end of the week.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Mr. Chee-Aloy noted the recent announcement that Lesley Gallinger had been appointed as IESO President and CEO. The Chair said the IESO was very pleased by the appointment and excited to work with Ms. Gallinger. He said Terry Young had agreed to assist in a transition role over a period of several weeks.

Ms. Griffiths echoed Mr. Urukov's praise for Ms. Savage, indicating that it had been a pleasure to serve with her and acknowledging the expertise and professionalism she had brought to the Technical Panel. Ms. Savage said her new assignment would keep her in touch with the Panel, so she would not be far. The Chair said Ms. Savage would be taking on important new duties for the organization, and that he was pleased with that decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

¹ After review, the IESO confirmed the word 'by' was correctly deleted.