

Reasons of the IESO Board in respect of amendments to the market rules

Terms and acronyms used herein that are italicized have the meanings ascribed thereto in Chapter 11 of the *market rules*.

The following sets out the *IESO Board's* reasons for its decision on the proposed *amendments* to the *market rules* identified in Part 1 below (the "**Amendments**").

PART 1 – MARKET RULE INFORMATION

Identification No.: MR-00455-R00, MR-00461-R01
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Title: Market Renewal Program: Market Power Mitigation, Market Power Mitigation: Second Batch Definitions

The *IESO Board* convened to consider the Amendments on the date and location set out in Part 2 below.

PART 2 – BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Date: August 24, 2022

Location: 1600-120 Adelaide Street West, Toronto ON

Prior to considering the Amendments, the Chair of the *IESO Board* enquired whether any director of the *IESO Board* had a conflict of interest to declare, the result of which is set out in Part 3 below.

PART 3 – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No conflict was declared. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any director declaring a conflict of interest abstained from voting on the provisional adoption of the Amendments. |

The *IESO Board* was presented with the materials in respect of the Amendments identified in Part 4 below (the "**Materials**"), all of which is *published* on the *IESO's website* subject to such redactions as *IESO* staff determined reasonably necessary.

PART 4 – MATERIALS

- Memorandum from the *Technical Panel* Chair
- *Market Rule* Amendment Proposals as provisionally recommended by *Technical Panel*
- *IESO* Staff memo to the *Technical Panel*
- Draft Resolution
- *Technical Panel* member vote and rationale
- Consumer Impact Assessment (this assessment is required to support the *Ontario Energy Board market rule* amendments review process)
- *Technical Panel* and Stakeholder Comments (this assessment is required to support the *Ontario Energy Board market rule* amendments review process)

Having considered the Amendments and the Materials, the *IESO Board* decided as identified in Part 5 for the reasons set out in Part 6.

PART 5 – DECISION

- The *IESO Board* decided in favour of the provisional adoption of the Amendments.
- The *IESO Board* referred the Amendments back to the *Technical Panel* for further consideration and vote.
- The *IESO Board* decided against the provisional adoption of the Amendments.

PART 6 – REASONS

The *IESO Board* reviewed the Materials including the *Technical Panel* majority vote to recommend MR-00455-R00 and MR-00461-R01 for provisional approval by the *IESO Board*. The Markets Committee of the *IESO Board* discussed the Amendments with the *Technical Panel* and subsequently recommended them for provisional adoption at the August 24, 2022, *IESO Board* meeting.

The *IESO Board* decided to provisionally adopt the Amendments recommended by the *technical panel*.

The *IESO Board* provisionally adopted the Amendments for the following reasons:

1. the Amendments will enable the market power mitigation framework for the Market Renewal Program and increase the efficiency of Ontario's electricity markets;
2. the *IESO* has committed to continue working with suppliers to address concerns about the process for determining *reference levels* and *reference quantities*, in particular for hydroelectric resources;
3. the *IESO* has committed to reviewing the circumstances under which an independent reviewer's finding will not be accepted through the Independent Review Process, with the intent to limit such instances; and
4. the *IESO* will seek stakeholder comments on the criteria used to procure the independent reviewers.

Formal adoption of the Amendments is reserved pending a review of a full set of *Market Rule* amendments for the Market Renewal Program, and the *IESO Board's* receipt of formal recommendations from the *Technical Panel* and the Markets Committee of the *IESO Board*.