MRP IWG Update Memo

To: **MRP IWG Members**

From: Candice Trickey, Director, MRP Readiness

Date: December 1, 2023

Re: MRP Project Updates for December 6th Meeting

As a standing item for the Implementation Working Group, the IESO will provide a memo to update the action items, issues list, IT solutions progress, and other relevant project updates.

Action Items

The IESO is tracking outstanding action items and reporting back to the IWG on progress or resolution.

Action	Progress	Status (Open/Closed)
IESO to confirm if a single qTest user account can be used to log test results for multiple market participant organizations.	Test projects will be configured in qTest for each market participant. If a user belongs to more than one market participant, they must request access for all applicable projects in qTest. The IESO will only provide access to users that are associated with a market participant in Online IESO. Accordingly, market participants must ensure their contact roles are up-to-date in Online IESO. However, users will be able to access test projects for all market participants they are authorized for with one qTest account.	Closed
IESO to provide a summary of the results received from the first assessment survey.	The results of the June 2023 External Readiness Assessment Survey were presented at the October 6th meeting.	Closed

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Request for timelines and process for regulatory policy/instruments changes with the OEB	The OEB will present how MRP is impacting the Retail Settlement Code (RSC) and Standard Supply Service Code (SSSC), as well as the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Manual. This draft will be shared with the members of the LDC-IESO MRP Preparedness Group early next year.	Open
Request for additional details on market participant testing	IESO provided a walkthrough of the testing strategy at the October 22nd stakeholder engagement webinar. The MRP Test Plan will be posted on the IESO MRP website on December 2023.	Closed
Request to update registration data prior to Go-Live	IESO has sent communication to collect cascade group and forebay registration parameters for hydroelectric resources.	Closed
IESO to respond back to IWG members that had questions and concerns on the terms stated in the Form of Acknowledgment and Undertaking for qTest	IESO is currently engaged in discussions with IWG members who have raised questions and concerns on the terms stated in the Form of Acknowledgement and Undertaking for qTest.	Open
IESO to share details on how market participants can access test cases and submit their results if they decide not to use qTest	The IESO will post test cases on the IESO MRP website at the beginning of each test phase. Details will be provided in the test plan.	Open
IESO to identify the MRP Business Advisor(s) that agents or service providers should contact when they have questions, as some of them represent multiple types of participants	Any service provider that would like a dedicated Business Advisor can contact Maria Go and she will assign according to the types of clients they typically represent.	Closed
IESO to develop a communication plan that will inform market participants on issues encountered during testing, which defects have been corrected, and the issues that will persist at MRP Go-Live	IESO will be including a section in the Test Plan on how market participants will be able to contact the IESO on any issues they encounter during testing, which defects have been corrected, and the issues that will persist at MRP Go-Live. The Test Plan will be posted in December 2023 on the IESO MRP website.	Open
IESO to confirm if Production users and resource profiles will be copied over to Sandbox	IESO has confirmed that Production users and organization profiles will not be copied over to Sandbox. Only facilities and resource data will be copied over to Sandbox. Details will be communicated early next year.	Closed

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IESO to confirm if temporary changes to reference levels is included as one of the test scenarios during end-to-end testing	IESO is following up with the Implementation team to verify if this will be included as one of the test scenarios during end-to-end testing.	Open
IESO to confirm if changes to the FTR system will be part of testing for MRP next year	The only change is that TRs will be settled based on DAM congestion prices instead of real-time congestion prices which changes the Transmission Rights Settlement Amounts settled in the Physical Market. These charges can be included in end-to-end testing settlement statements if a participant is a TR holder.	Open

Issues List

The IESO is tracking outstanding issues and reporting back to the IWG on progress or resolution.

Issue	Progress	Status (Open/Closed)
Reference Levels/Quantities for Hydroelectric Participants	Discussions ongoing	Open

IT Solutions Progress

The slide showing the IESO's progress in developing software solutions is attached. Most of our systems have progressed to the Site Acceptance Stage. Both the Demand Forecast System and Online IESO have been completed.

The Market Information Management (MIM) system and the Dispatch Services API technical specifications are currently available on the Technical Reference Materials webpage. The IESO Charge Types and Equations list was made available in August. Estimated timelines for posting schemas and sample files for reports are also available on the Technical Reference Materials webpage. The first batch of schemas and sample reports was posted on September 29th. The second batch of schema and sample reports will be posted by the end of the year. In Q2 2024, the IESO will release the updated Format Specifications for Settlement Statement Files and Data Files.

Project Updates

No updates since the October 6, 2023 IWG meeting. Overall, the project remains on schedule. The quarterly update can be found on the Market Renewal Program Project Status webpage and now includes progress on project milestones.