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Subject: Regional Electricity Planning Update for the Peterborough to Kingston Region

Regional electricity planning activities have begun for the Peterborough to Kingston region. A webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 10:00 am to provide an overview of the electricity planning process, the needs that have been identified for this area, and to seek input on the draft Scoping Assessment report to determine the most appropriate planning approach going forward to meet the needs.

A draft copy of the report will be shared for review in advance of the webinar and written comments will be invited until April 30.

Register [here](#) to participate in the webinar.

The Peterborough to Kingston region is defined on electrical infrastructure boundaries, but roughly encompasses the regional municipalities of Frontenac County, Hasting County, Northumberland County, Peterborough County, and Prince Edward County and related municipalities. The first cycle of regional planning in the region concluded in February 2015 with the publication of a [Needs Assessment](#) conducted by the local transmitter (Hydro One), which determined that no regional coordination would be required at that time to meet the region's electricity needs, and that needs could be addressed at the local level.

For this next planning cycle (which happens every five years), it has been determined that more comprehensive planning is needed in this region. As such, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will work with electricity sector partners (transmitters and local distribution companies), stakeholders, communities and other interested parties to help define the specific needs and explore possible solutions to meet those needs for the region.

The IESO has launched a new engagement initiative to keep communities and interested parties updated on the ongoing planning activities and provide opportunities to give input. The Scoping Assessment Report is the first step of this engagement process and your feedback will be important to help shape the electricity planning activities that will be undertaken in your region.

All interested parties are invited to participate including, but not limited to, local municipalities, Indigenous communities, businesses, stakeholders and members of the general public. Visit the [engagement webpage](#) for more information.

To view relevant documents and learn more about the Peterborough to Kingston region, please visit <http://www.ieso.ca/en/Get-Involved/Regional-Planning/East-Ontario/Peterborough-to-Kingston>

For more information about the regional planning process, please visit <http://www.ieso.ca/Get-Involved/Regional-Planning/About-Regional-Planning/How-the-Process-Works>

Regards,
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