

Stakeholder Engagement Plan SE-35

2008-2010 Business Plan



I. Introduction

This stakeholder plan has been developed to define the opportunity for stakeholder involvement and awareness in respect of the IESO's 2008-2010 Business Plan.

Background

The Business Plan states the proposed expenditures, revenue requirements and the strategic business priorities for the IESO. It also identifies the opportunities and challenges to the business over the planning period.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee would be the venue for stakeholder advice to the Board of Directors in relation to the IESO Business Plan.

Subsequent to IESO Board approval and pursuant to s.19.1(1) of the Electricity Act the 2008-2010 Business Plan will be submitted to the Minister of Energy at least 90 days before the beginning of 2008 for approval. The Business Plan will then be submitted to the OEB for approval.

II. Stakeholders

The IESO Business Plan is of interest to all stakeholder sectors, and is one of the matters identified for review through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Stakeholder Advisory Committee members will seek input from their constituent groups.

III. Stakeholder Engagement Goals and Objectives

Goal

The goal of the stakeholder engagement plan is to seek feedback from stakeholders in the preparation of the IESO Business Plan for 2008-2010 and to gain support for that Plan.

Objectives

1. To communicate to stakeholders: the priorities and initiatives of the IESO, the opportunities and challenges to the business over the planning horizon, and to provide stakeholders with a view of the estimated resource requirements of the IESO over the coming three years;
2. To provide interested stakeholders with the opportunity to provide input to IESO Management and the IESO Board of Directors on the initiatives underpinning the IESO's 2008-2010 Business Plan; and
3. To gain stakeholder support for the 2008-2010 Business Plan.

IV. Stakeholder Engagement Approach and Methods

The stakeholder engagement approach proposed will be through Advisory Committee feedback with the request for written feedback, particularly for advice to IESO Management and the IESO Board of Directors. The implementation of the stakeholder engagement process will be in accordance with the IESO's approved stakeholder principles, which for convenience have been set out at the end of this plan.

The stakeholder engagement method will be face-to-face meetings with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee – with opportunities for stakeholder written feedback via e-mail (stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca) or via Stakeholder Advisory Committee members. All stakeholder views will be posted.

The Business Plan requires IESO Board approval. Once the Business Plan has been approved by the IESO Board it is submitted to the Minister of Energy no later than 90 days before the beginning of 2008 for further approval. Once approved by the Minister of Energy, the Business Plan is submitted to the OEB for final approval.

All stakeholder input will be considered prior to the IESO Management recommendations to the Board. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to communicate their view and positions directly to the IESO Executive/Board of Directors through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee in advance of any final decisions. IESO decisions, and the rationale for those decisions, will be posted along with an explanation of how stakeholder input was taken into account in the decision.

This is a public consultation process. Information supplied by stakeholders will be posted on the IESO website including identification of the participant.

V. Decision Making Steps and Schedule of Activities

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Target Date
1. Post Stakeholder Engagement Plan for input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and other interested stakeholders.	March 22, 2007
2. Closing date for stakeholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee feedback on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	April 18, 2007
3. Posting to web Stakeholder Advisory Committee and other stakeholders feedback on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	April 23, 2007
4. Posting of materials for the Stakeholder Advisory meeting	May 23, 2007
5. Presentation to Stakeholder Advisory Committee of proposed IESO initiatives for the planning period with feedback on input received.	June 6, 2007
6. Closing date for stakeholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee to provide feedback on the IESO's planned initiatives.	June 20, 2007
7. Posting to the web of the stakeholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee feedback.	June 22, 2007
8. IESO Board of Directors review of feedback from Stakeholder Advisory Committee.	June 28, 2007
9. Presentation to Stakeholder Advisory Committee of draft Business Plan.	August 22, 2007
10. IESO Board of Directors review of draft Business Plan and of feedback from Stakeholder Advisory Committee.	September 7, 2007
11. IESO Board of Directors review and approval of Business Plan.	September 25, 2007
12. Filing of Business Plan with Minister for approval.	On or before October 2, 2007
13. Submission of Business Plan to OEB for approval.	On or before November 1, 2007

Process Evaluation

Stakeholders will be provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the process in achieving stated objectives following each key stakeholder engagement event.