

Stakeholder Engagement Plan SE-76

Transmission Rights Auction System Upgrade Project



Revision 1: Changes to Sections VI (Approach) and VIII (Schedule of Stakeholder Activities)

I. Summary

The Transmission Rights Auction (TRA) system is a web-based system that is accessed by market participants through the IESO Web Portal to¹ perform transmission rights bidding related activities.

The IESO is in the planning stages of a project to upgrade the existing (TRA) Workspace. This initiative will be of specific interest to those market participants who participate in the transmission rights auction.

This stakeholder plan allows market participants to assess the system design, implementation, testing and documentation updates of the TRA user interface.

II. Introduction

The transmission rights auction system is a web-based system that is accessed through the IESO web portal. This system is used by transmission rights market participants to view details of future TRA rounds, to place bids and to view, change or delete bids that have already been submitted. The existing hardware and software technologies used for the TRA system is reaching the end of its lifecycle and needs to be upgraded.

Upgrading the tool will allow the IESO, where possible, to align with the IESO portal framework for consistency and efficient support and to also review the user interface for improvements.

The first stage of this initiative will be to identify issues and opportunities with the current user interface. Stage 2 will include assessing the system design, implementation, testing and documentation updates.

More information on the transmission rights auction system can be found at:
http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/pubs/ti/TR/it_TRAuctionSystem_mpUserGuide.pdf

III. Background

IESO's Transmission Right (TR) Auction System is available to those Market Participants that have registered to be a TR Participant. Authorized transmission rights market participants bid for the purchase of a transmission right in a TR auction, through the TR auction system while the TR auction bid submission window is open. To initiate a bidding transaction, market participants log on to the IESO Web Portal, using a digital certificate, to access the Transmission Rights Auction (TRA) Home Page.

¹ More information on the IESO portal can be found at: <http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/pubs/training/portal.pdf>

IV. Stakeholders

This initiative would be of interest to all market participants registered transmission rights participants. We will encourage all stakeholder sectors with an interest to participate in the process. A list of market participants registered in the transmission rights market can be found at:

<http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/market/participants.asp>

V. Decision Making Process

All stakeholder views will be provided to the IESO management. Our decisions, along with rationale will be fully communicated to stakeholders, along with an explanation of how their input was taken into account.

The IESO will consider all input in this decision and will use this input to develop options that try to address differing points of view. Any changes may require a management decision, a Board decision, rule changes, and/or policy changes.

VI. Goals, Objectives, and Overall Approach

The implementation of this stakeholder engagement plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved [stakeholder engagement principles](#). The plan will be subject to review and update as the process evolves and stakeholder comments are incorporated, and as revisions are warranted.

Goal

The goal is to seek input from stakeholders on the upgrade of the TRA system.

Objectives

- To identify issues and opportunities with the current tool.

Approach

The stakeholder engagement approach will be the formation of a small working group of volunteers from the transmission rights market.

Stage 1 – Gather comments and provide feedback regarding the current TRA tool from stakeholders via email. The purpose of this phase is to identify problems and explore opportunities by engaging the transmission rights market participants.

Stage 2 – Additional information will be posted informing market participants of the system design, implementation, testing and documentation updates. Web-based postings provide all interested stakeholders with an efficient low-cost method to be informed with the opportunity to communicate their views via e-mail to stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca. All stakeholder input will be posted on the IESO website.

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VIII. Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule		
Activity	Expected Actions	Target Date for Completion
1. Post and communicate stakeholder engagement plan.	Stakeholders to provide written feedback.	November 27, 2008 Completed
2. Deadline for written input from stakeholders on the stakeholder engagement plan.	IESO to post feedback from stakeholders.	December 4, 2008 Completed
3. Consultation with stakeholders on problems and opportunities.	Deliberation – stakeholders to provide input.	January 2009 Completed
4. Posting of revised stakeholder engagement plan incorporating feedback from stakeholders, if required.	IESO to publish revised stakeholder engagement plan	March 2009 Completed
5. Provide feedback on what was heard and how it will be incorporated into the upgrades to the system.	IESO to post stakeholder feedback	March 2009 Completed
6. TRA tool upgrades posted and presented to stakeholders.	IESO to post document.	March 10, 2009 Completed
7. Implementation schedule to be published.	IESO to post implementation schedule for stakeholder review.	3rd Quarter 2009
8. Updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan	IESO to update stakeholder engagement plan following release of implementation schedule.	3rd Quarter 2009