

Forecasts and Assessments Standing Committee



Minutes of Meeting

Date held: <i>January 21, 2009</i>	Time held: 1:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Location held: Clarkson System Control Centre, Room 216
Invited/Attended:	Company name:	Attendance Status: (A)ttended; (R)egrets; (S)ubstitute
Muhammad Mueen	Hydro One	A
Paul Brown	Hydro One	A
Dave Brown	Ontario Energy Board	R
Peter Gruttke	Ontario Power Generation	A
Stephen Baker (Chair)	IESO	A
Greg Hine (Outgoing Chair)	IESO	A
Craig Lemon	Union Gas	A
Chris Loughren	Bruce Power	R
Chun Hung Ngai	Toronto Hydro Electric System	R
Richard Rogacki	Ministry of Energy	A
Branko Boras	Enersource Hydro Mississauga	R
Bunli Yang	E4 Inc.	A
Andrew Trachsell	IESO	A
Vithy Vithyananthan	IESO	A
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http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/consult/forecastAssess_sub.asp

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

- Outgoing Chair introduced the new Chair. Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and said he was looking forward to working with the members.

Agenda Item 2: Review agenda and note any additions

- No change to the agenda.

Agenda Item 3: Review of action items

- There was a request that more detail should be available when reporting the status of an action item like the progress and the target dates.

Agenda Item 4: Feedback from Stakeholder Engagement (SE-70) process - Changes to Frequency of 18-Month Outlook and Timing

- The IESO collected stakeholder feedback for its proposal to change the number of Outlooks from four to two a year. Based on the feedback, IESO decided to continue to publish the Outlook four times a year. The feedback was strong to keep the tables in the Outlooks. The Outlooks published in the spring and fall will have a reduced verbiage.
- The Outlook will be published a month earlier to cover the seasonal periods. The summer Outlook that covers June 2009 to November 2010 will be published in May 2009. The fall Outlook that covers September 2009 to February 2011 will be published in August 2009. The winter Outlook that covers December 2009 to May 2011 will be published in November 2009. The spring Outlook that covers March 2010 to August 2011 will be published in February 2010.

Agenda Item 5: 2008Q4 Outlook

- With so many new generators coming on line, it has been difficult to keep up with the installed generation capacity in the province. Can IESO publish the individual generator installed capacity information (comprised in Table 5.2) on a quarterly basis or once a year?

Agenda Item 6: Ontario Reliability Outlook, December 2008

- IESO presented an overview of the Ontario Reliability Outlook.

Agenda Item 7: IESO's role in CO2 emissions management

The following questions and discussion topics had been suggested by a member regarding NOBA units and these were addressed under this agenda item.

- Impacts on peak generation availability
- Impacts on reserve margin
- Will the IESO report NOBA (Not Offered But Available) capacity (planning and operating)
- Under what conditions will the IESO activate NOBA generation?
- Will the IESO identify and report NOBA generation that has been activated

The first question asked how availability would be impacted upon by NOBA (not offered but available) units. The IESO responded that by definition, the units identified as NOBA are still available but resources are planned such that they should not need to be used. The second question was similar but with respect to reserve and the answer was the same.

The CO2 outages or NOBA units will not be identified since detailed outage information is considered confidential. This would also apply to the final question regarding the reporting of NOBA units which were activated.

The third question was “at which point would the NOBA units be recalled”? IESO would recall CO2 outages if we could not meet supply once all other resource options were exhausted including recall of other outages.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Items

- None.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be on April 15, 2009.

Action Item Summary				
#	Date	Action	Status	Comments
1	Jul 25, 2007	There is a continued need for a forecast of outages by fuel type, which was to be provided when IESO replaced the IOMS database with a new outage management database.	<i>On hold</i>	
2	Jan 16, 2008	IESO plans to develop a process to quantify surplus generation at times of low demand.	<i>Ongoing</i>	