

Feedback Form

Capacity Accreditation for IESO Procurements – Date, September 17th 2026

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Following the Capacity Accreditation for IESO Procurements September 17 2026, engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed. The presentation and recording can be accessed from the [Capacity Accreditation for IESO Procurements](#).

Note: The IESO will accept additional materials where it may be required to support your rationale provided below. When sending additional materials please indicate if they are confidential.

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by October 1st 2026.

General Comments/Feedback

The IESO's enhanced capacity accreditation approach, focusing on the value different resource types can bring under varying system conditions, will help to maintain a balanced system with an optimal supply mix including baseload nuclear and hydroelectric generation, variable and intermittent resources, storage solutions and dispatchable resources such as gas generation. Together, these resources can complement one another to support a reliable and affordable grid in Ontario, while advancing economic development and supporting the net zero carbon emission by 2050 goal.

OPG welcomes the IESO's planned adoption of an enhanced capacity accreditation approach to appropriately value the reliability contribution of different resource types in its planning and procurement mechanisms and offers the following comments.

Jurisdictional Scan/Operating Experience

As the IESO conducts its comparative analysis of accreditation methods for the resource planning and procurement processes, the IESO should also conduct a cross-jurisdictional scan to gain insights from peer experience. The IESO can identify, assess and present on the capacity accreditation approaches that other jurisdictions have adopted, their impact, effectiveness and lessons learned; and contrast other jurisdictions' respective objectives and grid conditions; with a focus on those jurisdictions with grid conditions similar to that of Ontario's (i.e., rapid and expansive deployment of intermittent resources and battery storage, and changing demand profile). This would provide important insights into values used, best practices, critical errors and operational experience for Ontario to consider as we undergo the same exercise.

Transparency/Early Communication

OPG understands that the recommended enhanced capacity accreditation methodology is MRI, and that it is expected to be reflected, in part, in the LT2 W2 RFP currently undergoing stakeholder consultation. This RFP design is anticipated to be finalized in late 2026, with proposal submissions due in Q2 2027. Given the advanced stage of LT2 W2 RFP development and short timeframe until the RFP goes live, the IESO should expedite its design framework and communication and be transparent on the criteria used to evaluate different resources. The IESO should stakeholder and publish the final framework and supporting rationale as soon as possible, so proponents have sufficient time to make related development and investment decisions.

Implementation of the capacity accreditation in the LT2 W2 RFP should materially impact the value of each proposal technology relative to others, as opposed to a more symbolic implementation that will have little impact on the relative value of proposals from different technologies (e.g., the introduction of rated criteria related to capacity accreditation that will have immaterial impact on distinguishing one proposal from another). The IESO may also consider using capacity accreditation to inform the procurement megawatt (MW) target and the reliability attributes to be secured.

How the results of the assessment are translated into procurement targets and reflected in the procurement design and resulting capacity accreditation values also have implications for other future procurements (e.g. Medium Term (MT) and Long Term (LT)). Future accreditation values should vary by procurement depending on grid condition, procurement target, and contract length, etc. The IESO

should have a clear update process to maintain predictability of the accreditation method and values between procurements, and these should be periodically revisited as system conditions evolve.

To enable understanding and alignment in planning assessment and procurements, the IESO should provide greater detail on the methodology and timeframe used to determine accreditation values, e.g. using data for 5-, 10-or 20-year periods, etc. Timeframes considered should be aligned with specific procurement contract lengths, i.e. 5-years for MT and 20-years for LT RFPs, so that the accreditation values are accurate and representative of the contract term lengths.

Act on IESO's Planning Assessment Recommendations

The IESO's planning and procurements should use an updated capacity accreditation methodology that ensures the right mix of capacity projects are selected. Without an appropriate methodology reflecting overall system conditions at the time of the assessment, lower cost technologies (e.g. BESS) would continue to be a successful technology given their lower costs per MW. However, this will lead to overpenetration and diminishing contributions for these lower cost resource types, resulting in higher total system costs as supporting resources will also need to be procured, potentially on short timeframes.

The IESO's Annual Planning Outlook (APO), supplemented by its capacity expansion scenario study, provides a comprehensive long-term electricity forecast and system assessment for Ontario and will help to inform decisions that will lead to a reliable and affordable electricity future. If the IESO's planning assessments identify and recommend a particular system need, then the IESO's chosen approach should provide adequate weighting that enables the procurement of resources that satisfy that need. OPG's view is that future capacity procurements must ensure that energy-backed capacity is the predominant resource selected, and OPG believes that the enhanced capacity accreditation approach will lead to that outcome.

OPG supports the IESO's ongoing analysis and development of capacity accreditation design and looks forward to continued engagement with the IESO.