

IESO Engagement Update – February 16, 2021

This engagement update provides a snapshot of all active IESO engagement activities. It also helps support a greater understanding of linkages between engagements, and a foundation for more comprehensive and integrated updates. For the most recent information, visit the individual engagement links or the [Active Engagements](#) webpage.



Forecasting and Planning

Engagements to support provincial and regional electricity planning over the next 20 years.

Active Engagement	Current Status	Next Steps
<p>Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process</p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback on the design of a formal, integrated bulk system planning process.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead:</i> Colin Campbell</p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Auction • Development of an IESO Competitive Transmission Procurement Process • Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design • Regional Planning Review Process • Reliability Standards Review • Resource Adequacy • Transmission Assets End-of-Life • Transmission Losses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Feb 2019, a meeting was held with stakeholders to discuss and seek feedback on design considerations for the bulk system planning process • Since this meeting, the IESO has continued work on developing a high-level description of the process for stakeholder review while also considering alignment with other planning activities, the Market Renewal Program, and reporting initiatives • Information on the bulk system planning process was presented at the Nov Engagement Days session focused on IESO Planning activities and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high-level design of the proposed process will be presented for stakeholder feedback at an Engagement Days meeting in Q1 2021

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<p><u>Regional Planning Review Process</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback to consider lessons learned and findings from the previous regional planning cycle and other regional planning development initiatives.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an IESO Competitive Transmission Procurement Process • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Transmission Assets End-of-Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Final Report for this engagement has been posted to the engagement webpage • The Report details a number of recommendations to improve the regional planning process based on feedback and discussion with stakeholders received throughout the engagement • A webinar is scheduled for Feb 22 to provide an overview of key recommendations included in the final report and discuss next steps following the conclusion of this engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO will publicly share progress in implementing the Final Report recommendations that are within the IESO's area of responsibility through future planning-related engagement activities
<p><u>Regional Planning – East Lake Superior</u></p> <p>Regional electricity planning is underway in this region.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Rouselle Gratela</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on Nov 17 to seek input on the range of potential solutions to be examined for the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) • IESO's response to feedback has been posted • A webinar was held on Feb 11 to provide an overview of the IRRP and recommendations, including details on the evaluation of alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the Feb 11 webinar is due on Mar 4
<p><u>Regional Planning – KWCG</u></p> <p>Regional electricity planning is underway in this region.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Rouselle Gratela</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the final stages of drafting the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) for this region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final public webinar will be scheduled in Q1 2021 to seek input on the draft IRRP recommendations

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<p><u>Regional Planning – Northwest</u> Regional electricity planning will commence shortly in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Susan Harrison</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held on Dec 8 to provide an overview of the process and seek input to inform the draft scoping assessment • The IESO’s response to feedback is posted along with the final Northwest Scoping Assessment Outcome Report which outlines the needs and specific areas of the region that require more comprehensive regional planning through an IRRP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement on the development of an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) will commence in Q2 2021
<p><u>Regional Planning – Ottawa Area Sub-Region</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Amanda Flude</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) was completed in Feb 2020 for this sub-region • The plan recommended additional studies to address the identified needs that extend beyond the 20-year IRRP outlook • This study is underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications and outreach will be targeted for early 2021 • Study completion is expected in Q1 2021
<p><u>Regional Planning – Peel/Halton Region (GTA West)</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Amanda Flude</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the final stages of drafting the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) for this region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final webinar will be scheduled in Q1 2021 to seek input on the draft IRRP recommendations
<p><u>Regional Planning – Peterborough to Kingston</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Amanda Flude</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the completion of the Scoping Assessment Outcome Report, outreach has been held with targeted communities and stakeholders to inform a draft engagement plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next public webinar is expected in late Q1 2021 to seek feedback on the draft engagement plan as well as input on the demand forecast for the region

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<p><u>Regional Planning – South Georgian Bay/Muskoka</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Amanda Flude</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final Scoping Assessment Report was published on Nov 30 and recommends the development of Integrated Regional Resource Plans (IRRP) for two sub-regions - Barrie/Innisfil and Parry Sound/Muskoka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement on the two sub-region IRRPs will commence later in Q1 2021
<p><u>Regional Planning – Southern Huron-Perth (Greater Bruce Huron)</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Rouselle Gratela</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar is expected in Q1 2020 to provide an overview of the range of potential solutions to meet future electricity needs and seek input on the proposed recommendations for the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final IRRP is working towards completion for Q2 2021
<p><u>Regional Planning – Toronto Addendum</u> Regional electricity planning <i>Engagement Lead: Susan Harrison</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO, along with Toronto Hydro and Hydro One, has commenced work on an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) Addendum for the Toronto region • This work will study the timing of the recommendation to reinstate the Richview x Manby corridor – taking into consideration energy efficiency and other changing electricity needs in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach will be planned with key stakeholders in the area • A communication will follow in Q1/Q2 2021 when details of the study are available

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<p><u>Regional Planning – Windsor-Essex</u> Regional electricity planning is underway in this region. <i>Engagement Lead: Rouselle Gratela</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A webinar was held Nov 26 to provide an overview of a study in the Kingsville-Leamington area • This study will form an Addendum to the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) and will address electricity infrastructure needs that emerged in the area • The webinar also provided an overview of the West of London bulk system study and an opportunity for feedback on the potential solutions recommended on the bulk system in the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback following the Nov webinar has been posted on the engagement webpage along with the IESO's response to this feedback • Next steps for outreach and engagement will continue in Q1 2021
<p><u>Reliability Standards Review</u> The Ontario energy market is emerging from a sustained period of surplus conditions, and is beginning to see a capacity need take shape. With supply conditions tightening, the IESO sees an opportunity to review/challenge the existing thinking and approach to adequacy assessments. <i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i> <i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Auction • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Resource Adequacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Dec 14 webinar, the IESO discussed the stakeholder feedback received following the Aug webinar, and presented the proposed non-firm import methodology • Submissions were received from seven stakeholders in response to this webinar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement is expected to close following the review and response to stakeholder feedback • Non-firm imports, using the proposed methodology, will be incorporated into the next Annual Planning Outlook (APO) in 2021 • The full methodology will be included in the accompanying Resource Adequacy methodology document, and the non-firm import value will be reassessed in each APO

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Transmission Assets End-of-Life

The IESO is seeking feedback on a draft process for collecting information on asset end-of-life, or expected service life from transmission asset owners.

Engagement Lead: **Dale Fitzgerald**

Related Engagements:

- [Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process](#)
- [Regional Planning Review Process](#)

- The Final Report for the Regional Planning Review Process engagement has been posted to the engagement webpage
- The Report details a number of recommendations to improve the regional planning process based on feedback and discussion with stakeholders, including recommendations for transmission assets nearing or at end-of-life
- A webinar has been scheduled for Feb 22 to provide an overview of key recommendations included in the final report and discuss next steps following the conclusion of this engagement

- The IESO will publicly share progress in implementing the Final Report recommendations that are within the IESO's area of responsibility through future planning-related engagement activities

Transmission Losses

This engagement will review IESO and Hydro One's practices on how transmission losses are considered in planning and operation of the system, a comparison of these practices to those used in other jurisdictions, and seek stakeholder feedback on potential improvements to these practices.

Engagement Lead: **Dale Fitzgerald**

Related Engagements:

- [Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process](#)

- The IESO has posted a document to the engagement webpage that summarizes stakeholder feedback received following the Sept 30 webinar and provides the IESO's response to feedback

- The IESO is currently developing draft transmission losses guideline document(s) that will be shared with stakeholders for review and feedback in advance of the next engagement webinar
- The IESO expects to share these guideline documents by the end of Q1 2021, at which point, future engagement activities and timelines will be communicated to stakeholders

Resource Acquisition

Engagements to ensure we have the tools and processes to acquire the resources we need to maintain a reliable and efficient system.

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<p data-bbox="203 373 430 399"><u>Capacity Auction</u></p> <p data-bbox="203 415 665 598">The IESO is committed to working with stakeholders to explore and implement competitive mechanisms, such as auctions, to secure the products and services it requires to operate the grid.</p> <p data-bbox="203 615 633 640"><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p data-bbox="203 657 470 682"><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="203 699 665 1165" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="203 699 560 745">• Design for Energy Storage Participation<li data-bbox="203 751 609 777">• Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot<li data-bbox="203 783 625 829">• Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy<li data-bbox="203 835 625 882">• Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process<li data-bbox="203 888 592 934">• IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project<li data-bbox="203 940 625 987">• Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers<li data-bbox="203 993 625 1039">• Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design<li data-bbox="203 1045 576 1092">• Reliability Standards Review<li data-bbox="203 1098 479 1144">• Resource Adequacy	<ul data-bbox="706 373 1128 955" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="706 373 1128 514">• The first Capacity Auction was run on Dec 2 and the post auction report was released on Dec 10<li data-bbox="706 531 1128 745">• The results of the auction showed greater participation and competition with the lowest auction clearing prices than previous demand response auctions<li data-bbox="706 762 1128 955">• Categories of enhancements to the 2021 and 2022 Capacity Auctions were discussed as part of the Jan 26 Resource Adequacy webinar	<ul data-bbox="1161 373 1529 1354" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1161 373 1529 787">• At the Feb engagement days, the IESO will present an analysis on the results of the Dec 2020 Capacity Auction followed by a discussion with stakeholders who participated in any aspect of the auction to gather insights and potential improvements<li data-bbox="1161 804 1529 871">• Feedback on the Jan 26 materials is due Feb 17<li data-bbox="1161 888 1529 1354">• The next engagement meeting will take place as part of the Mar 22-24 engagement days when further details on the Resource Adequacy framework and enhancements to the Capacity Auction will be presented to stakeholders for discussion and feedback

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<p><u>Design for Energy Storage Participation</u></p> <p>This engagement had the objective to develop the design for how storage will be able to participate and operate in IESO-Administered Markets (IAMs), in both an interim period, as well as on an enduring basis.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Auction • Distributed Energy Resources Survey • Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy • Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers • Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design • Updates to Performance Requirements: Market Rule Appendices 4.2 and 4.3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This engagement was completed in Sept, with Market Rules and Manuals amendments recommended for the interim period • A Long-Term Design Vision document has been posted detailing the long-term design proposals which will serve as the foundation for future storage design efforts • On Oct 20, the Technical Panel unanimously voted in favour to recommend the proposed Market Rule amendments to the IESO Board at the Dec meeting • Proposed Market Rule amendments were approved by IESO Board at Dec 9 meeting • The amended Market Rules and Manuals came into effect Jan 18, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Rules and Manual amendments for storage will need to be further updated in advance of the Market Renewal “go-live” date to ensure progress is maintained
<p><u>Development of an IESO Competitive Transmission Procurement Process</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback to aid in the development of a competitive transmission procurement process.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process • Regional Planning Review Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This engagement was put on hold and IESO is currently determining the next steps associated with this initiative 	

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Resource Adequacy

The IESO is seeking feedback about what tools are needed, in addition to capacity auctions, to competitively achieve long-term resource adequacy.

Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald

Related Engagements:

- [Capacity Auction](#)
- [Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process](#)
- [Reliability Standards Review](#)

- As part of the Jan 26 Resource Adequacy webinar, the IESO presented information to stakeholders on the implementation of the Resource Adequacy framework
 - In addition to summarizing and responding to stakeholder feedback received in 2020, and confirming the Board-approved high-level framework, the IESO presented new information on a proposed process to translate needs identified in planning documents into acquisition targets through an Annual Acquisition Report (AAR)
 - The webinar also reviewed categories of enhancements the IESO is planning to engage with stakeholders for the 2021 and 2022 Capacity Auctions
- Feedback on the Jan 26 materials is due Feb 17
 - The next engagement meeting will take place as part of the Mar 22-24 engagement days when further details on the Resource Adequacy framework and enhancements to the Capacity Auction will be presented to stakeholders for discussion and feedback
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Operations

Engagements to ensure that Ontario's electricity resources are operating reliably within the IESO-administered market, while also undertaking continuous market improvements.

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<p><u>Improving Accessibility of Operating Reserve</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback on an issue related to the Operating Reserve (OR), whereby the amount of OR scheduled is not fully accessible.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A written update was posted in Aug 2020 to provide details on the ongoing internal work the IESO is undertaking on the two proposals discussed in this engagement – the settlement claw-back and Operating Reserve Activation (ORA) performance criteria proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The IESO will present draft market rule and manual amendments for the settlement claw-back proposal and an updated design for the Operating Reserve Activation (ORA) performance criteria proposal at a webinar expected to take place by the end of Q1 2021
<p><u>Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design</u></p> <p>The Detailed Design of the Market Renewal Program has created the detailed documents for the renewed market, building upon the high-level design. The Market Renewal Program as a whole will improve the way electricity is priced and scheduled in order to meet Ontario's energy needs reliably, transparently and efficiently.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Karlyn Mibus</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity Auction• Design for Energy Storage Participation• Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy• Formalizing the Integrated Bulk System Planning Process• Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Implementation• Transmission Rights Market Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholders have provided detailed and constructive feedback on all 13 of the draft detailed design documents• The IESO has posted a complete set of responses to stakeholder feedback, and has reflected this feedback in the updated version of the Detailed Design• The IESO has also posted a Design Change tracker to point out all of the areas that stakeholder input has improved and updated the detailed design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The final versions of the detailed design have been posted, and the discussion with stakeholders will carry over into the implementation phase

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<p><u>Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Implementation</u></p> <p>The Implementation phase of the Market Renewal Program will begin by codifying the design into the Market Rules and Market Manuals, and then proceed onto creating tools, testing, training and readiness for bringing the renewed market to life.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Karlyn Mibus</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first batch of market rules and manuals on Market Entry and Prudential Security have been revised based on stakeholder feedback, and published • Stakeholders submitted feedback on the revised written guide and workbooks for Market Power Mitigation reference levels and quantities in Dec 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Panel engagement on the first batch of market rules and manuals will continue in Mar 2021 • The IESO is continuing the engagement to set Reference Levels through one-on-one consultations • The IESO will be discussing the Limitation Period for Resettlement with stakeholders at the upcoming engagement days
<p><u>Options to Address Uninsured Liability Risk</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback from stakeholders on options to address its uninsured liability risk. The IESO was unable to replace its errors and omissions insurance coverage and is proposing two options to address its uninsured risk.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Agatha Pyrka</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder feedback from the Dec engagement session has been posted • This item was presented as an education item at the Jan 19 Technical Panel meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IESO to post responses to feedback document • Proposed Market Rule amendments will go before the Technical Panel on Feb 16 for the “vote to post” for broader stakeholder feedback • This engagement will conclude during the Feb engagement days

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<p><u>Transmission Rights Market Review</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback to determine what changes may be required to maximize the efficiency of the Transmission Rights (TR) market and to ensure that the TR market is aligned and compatible with the renewed energy market in the future.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Development Advisory Group • Market Renewal Program (MRP) Energy Detailed Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback was received, and posted from four stakeholder submissions following the Dec 14 webinar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IESO to review feedback and conduct further internal assessments before finalizing the Stage 2 high-value opportunities and presenting a draft set of proposed changes for Stage 3 in a subsequent engagement session
<p><u>Updates to IESO Monitoring Requirements: Phasor Data</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback on proposed updates to Appendices 4.15/4.16 to enable generators and transmitters to install phasor technology infrastructure and provide phasor data to the IESO.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback was received from four stakeholders following the Nov 19 webinar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IESO will respond to stakeholder feedback and share a revised timeline for the engagement in Q1 2021 • The Draft Market Rules will be presented to the Technical Panel in Q3/4 2021

Sector Evolution

Engagements that look to the future to see how innovation, new technologies and new collaborations can improve how we conduct our business.

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<p><u>Distributed Energy Resources Survey</u></p> <p>The IESO is conducting a stakeholder engagement on behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines to better understand the role Distributed Energy Resources (DER) play in the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) and the DER capacity available in Ontario.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand Response Working Group • Design for Energy Storage Participation • Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot • Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A voluntary survey was held until Sept 28 with Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) participants, as well as energy services companies serving these customers • Confidential follow-up discussions were also held with stakeholders in one-on-one and small group settings in early Oct • The survey findings were provided to the Ministry in Q4 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further engagement steps to be determined
<p><u>Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the design of a pilot auction for procuring energy efficiency.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Auction • Distributed Energy Resources Survey • IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on stakeholder feedback, the IESO amended the meter data requirements subject to resources having appropriate alternative Measurement & Verification arrangements • Also based on feedback, the auction date was changed to Mar 2021, for delivery starting in winter 2022 and summer 2023 • Language in the detailed design document that excluded “technically dispatchable” measures from the EEAP as well as restrictions on participating in both the EEAP and Capacity Auction was updated to clarify/modify this language and remove these restrictions on measure and participant eligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The auction will take place in Mar 2021 for capacity delivery starting in winter 2022 and summer 2023

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<p><u>Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Grid-Connected First Nation Communities</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking feedback from communities to help inform the design of future energy efficiency programs for First Nation communities in Ontario.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead:</i> Colin Campbell</p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Indigenous Energy Support Programs Review</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second engagement meeting occurred on Nov 20 where the IESO discussed the feedback received, and presented the draft program proposal • Two feedback submissions were received and have been posted to the engagement webpage, along with the IESO's response to this feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO will present the final program offering to communities, and explain how to apply and participate • The program is planned to launch in Summer 2021
<p><u>Indigenous Energy Support Programs Review</u></p> <p>The IESO is seeking input to review and improve the Energy Support Programs currently offered by the IESO for First Nation and Métis communities and organizations in Ontario.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead:</i> Colin Campbell</p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Grid-Connected First Nation Communities</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the July meeting where the IESO sought feedback from communities on the proposed redesign of the Indigenous Energy Support Programs (ESPs), in Sept, the IESO presented the final program designs and announced application intake for fall 2020 • An application Q&A session was hosted as part of the First Nations Energy Workshop on Oct 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application intake opened on Oct 19 with Successful Recipients to enter into Funding Agreements in Q1 2021

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Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers

The IESO intends to develop and release a series of white papers to support the creation of a shared, fact-based understanding of emerging opportunities and trends.

Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell

Related Engagements:

- [Capacity Auction](#)
- [Design for Energy Storage Participation](#)
- [Distributed Energy Resources Survey](#)
- [Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy](#)
- [IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project](#)

- The IESO published Part I of *Exploring Expanded DER Participation in the IESO-Administered Markets* white paper in Oct 2019
- Part II of the *Exploring Expanded DER Participation in the IESO-Administered Markets* white paper was presented during the Nov Engagement Days for stakeholder feedback which was due by Dec 10

- Stakeholder feedback is being reviewed and considered to help inform finalizing the conclusions and to help determine which of the options merit further consideration in future market design work, which should be considered for pilot opportunities, and which do not merit further consideration at this time

IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project

The IESO, with support from Natural Resources Canada, is undertaking a demonstration in York Region to explore market-based approaches to secure energy and capacity services from Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for local needs.

Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell

Related Engagements:

- [Capacity Auction](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Auction Pilot](#)
- [Energy Storage Advisory Group \(ESAG\)](#)
- [Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers](#)

- Following the July webinar where IESO and Alectra provided information on the demonstration logistics, eligibility, local capacity auction and local energy auction, stakeholders submitted feedback on the draft Demonstration Project Rules and timeline
- On Sept 28, the IESO posted the final Demonstration Project Rules, and opened initial registration (initial registration deadline was Oct 28)
- Final versions of the standard contracts for aggregators and direct participants were posted in Oct
- The first local capacity auction took place Nov 18 – 19
- Participant contracts were issued in early Dec 2020

- First commitment period starts May 1
- Work is beginning to define Phase 2 of this engagement to determine changes in advance of the second local capacity auction

Update on Advisory/Working Groups and Committees

Group	Current Status	Next Steps
<p><u>Demand Response Working Group (DRWG)</u></p> <p>This is a forum where a dialogue takes place between stakeholders involved in demand response in Ontario and the IESO on current participation and future market development.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed Energy Resources Survey • Energy Payments for Economic Activation of DR Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Feb 12, the final Demand Response Working Group (DRWG) meeting was held prior to this engagement concluding • The purpose of this meeting was to respond to stakeholder feedback received following the last meeting held in Dec 2020 and present and seek stakeholder feedback on a draft list of prioritized market development initiatives for demand response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IESO will incorporate feedback to finalize the list of prioritized DR market development initiatives and communicate that list back to DRWG stakeholders along with responses to that feedback • The finalized list of DR market development priorities will include how to continue to engage with the IESO on the initiatives going forward
<p><u>Energy Storage Advisory Group (ESAG)</u></p> <p>The Energy Storage Advisory Group will perform an advisory role to support and assist the IESO in evolving policy, rules, processes and tools to better enable the integration of storage resources within the current structure of the IESO-administered market.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Colin Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Payments for Economic Activation of DR Resources • Innovation and Sector Evolution White Papers • IESO York Region Non-Wires Alternatives Demonstration Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see the “Design for Energy Storage Participation” engagement update for a review of the current activities with the advisory group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information on the role of ESAG was communicated following the Nov Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting

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<p><u>Market Development Advisory Group (MDAG)</u></p> <p>The Market Development Advisory Group (MDAG) will support IESO efforts to evolve the Ontario electricity market, beyond the Market Renewal Program, to cost-effectively ensure reliability in the near and longer terms.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Dale Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding Participation in Operating Reserve and Energy • Transmission Rights Market Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market rule amendments were approved by the Technical Panel this summer to implement the revised Transmission Rights Clearing Account disbursement methodology • Since then, the market rules have been approved by the IESO Board of Directors, have been reviewed by the Ontario Energy Board and will come into effect for the May 2021 disbursement • For updates on the Transmission Rights Market Review and EPOR-E engagements, please see their individual entries above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information on the role of MDAG will be communicated shortly
<p><u>Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)</u></p> <p>The Committee is a forum for its members to be informed of IESO activities and to provide timely policy advice and feedback both broadly on behalf of the electricity sector and their constituency, directly to the IESO Board and Executive with respect to the IESO's mandate.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Jordan Penic</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC will meet on Feb 17 to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IESO's 2021 priorities ○ Enabling Resource Participation ○ Stakeholder Survey Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Feb 17 meeting, the next public SAC meeting is scheduled for Aug 4
<p><u>Technical Panel (TP)</u></p> <p>The Technical Panel's mandate is to review amendments to the Market Rules for Ontario's electricity market, and as requested, advise the IESO Board of Directors on specific technical issues relating to the operation of the IESO-administered market.</p> <p><i>Engagement Lead: Agatha Pyrka</i></p> <p><i>Related Engagements:</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nomination window for up to three qualified candidates to fill Technical Panel member vacancies has now closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Feb 16 meeting will include a "vote to recommend" on the Congestion Management Settlement Credit (CMSC) Recovery for Dispatchable Loads items as well as a "vote to post" item on the Options to Address Uninsured Liability Risk engagement