

Final Engagement Summary Report

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Updates to Market Manual 1.4 Connection Assessment and Approval

Engagement Initiated: October 2024

Engagement Description

The IESO initiated the Updates to Market Manual 1.4 Connection Assessment and Approval (CAA) to inform stakeholders on proposed revisions to Market Manual 1.4 and the applicable forms and an opportunity to ask any clarify questions in advance of the deadline for comments. The proposed manual changes included process improvements, an addition of a new sections and the addition of Market Rule references to each section. The new sections of the Market Manual provide guidance for connection applicants who must file the CAA application with the IESO based on different connection scenarios and outline process improvements. The current CAA application forms have been consolidated into one PDF fillable form that adapts to the needs of each project type. The form has built in data sheets for standard dynamic models and includes controls for validation and finalization. Stakeholders were asked to provide their comments on the proposed changes through the Baseline Process.

The proposed market manual changes and applicable forms were posted as part of Baseline 52.1 for comment. The market manual changes were final and effective at beginning of December 2024.

Engagement Objective

The primary objective of this engagement was to provide stakeholders with an overview of the proposed changes and an opportunity to ask any clarifying questions in advance of the deadline for comments in the Baseline Process. The engagement was launched as part of the steps the IESO is

taking to improve the connection applicants' experience throughout the CAA process, by streamlining the process for certain criteria, simplifying the application process with a new consolidated CAA application form and clarifying when the CAA process is not needed or is needed. This information session ensured that stakeholders were informed of the proposed changes and get clarity before their comments were provided via the Baseline process.

Engagement Approach

This stakeholder engagement was a public engagement process conducted in accordance with the IESO's approved engagement principles. The approach for this engagement initiative included opportunities to provide input through a webinar and informed them of the opportunity to provide comments through the Baseline Process. All materials pertaining to this initiative is posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage for this initiative.

Conclusion

Comments were due on the proposed changes on October 9, 2024, and the revised market manual is currently posted on the IESO website.