

Feedback Form

Bulk Planning Updates Webinar (South and Central Bulk Plan) – May 29, 2025

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Following the Bulk Planning Updates Webinar held on May 29, 2025, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback. A copy of the presentations as well as recordings of the sessions can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

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South and Central Bulk Plan

Topic	Feedback
What feedback is there on the preliminary portfolios?	GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GBE) appreciates the IESO advancing multiple portfolio options for consideration. Of the three A, B or C options, GBE supports both Portfolio B and Portfolio C. Both Portfolio B and Portfolio C support critical bulk infrastructure investments that are needed for GBE to enable growth and optimization of its distribution system assets.
What information needs to be considered regarding the preliminary portfolios?	GBE is currently participating in the IRRP engagement for the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge-Guelph (KWCG) Region and supports integration across the bulk system planning process and the IRRP process, appreciating the need for timely outcomes. Whether separate or apart, the bulk planning process and IRRP need to prioritize streamlined outcomes.
What additional information should be provided in future engagements to help share perspectives and insights?	Once portfolio options are finalized, it would be greatly appreciated if project schedules could be shared as early as possible to facilitate effective planning and coordination.
What feedback is there on interest in future resource locations or future zonal distribution of incremental resources?	GBE is particularly interested in support for the Kitchener-Waterloo Cambridge Guelph (KWCG) region, which has significant load growth in the immediate and longer term.

General Comments/Feedback

GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GBE) strongly supports Portfolio Options B and C. Both options establish a reliable 500kV transmission corridor from Longwood TS to Detweiler TS and onward to Milton SS. This route creates a critical point of supply that runs through the KWCG region and offers strategic opportunities for system connections to meet the growing electricity needs of the KWCG area and the broader Region of Waterloo. In addition, reinforcing supply in this area will strengthen the 230kV infrastructure envisioned in the Burlington to Nanticoke IRRP, which includes extending a 230kV line from the KWCG area into the Burlington to Nanticoke region and developing two new 230kV stations. A robust 500kV backbone through this corridor would deliver much needed reliability and capacity to support sustained growth across the Region of Waterloo, Brantford, and Brant County, all of which are experiencing rapid load increases.