

Feedback Form

Capacity Auction Enhancements – August 20, 2026

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Following the August 20, 2026 Capacity Auction Enhancements webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed.

The referenced presentation and supporting materials can be found under the August 20, 2026, entry on the [Capacity Auction Enhancements](#) webpage.

To promote transparency, feedback submitted will be posted on the Capacity Auction Enhancements page unless otherwise requested by the sender. If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please mark “Yes” below:

- ☐ Yes – there is confidential information, do not post
- ☒ No – comfortable to publish to the IESO web page

Please provide feedback by September 3, 2026, to engagement@ieso.ca. Please use subject: *Feedback: Capacity Auction Enhancements.*

Expanded One-Month Capacity Test Window

Topic	Feedback
Do you have any feedback regarding the proposal that all resource types will complete a capacity test within a one-month testing window at the start of each obligation period?	No feedback
Does this proposed enhancement offer greater flexibility to manage grid and resource unavailability (i.e., outages) and scheduling when attempting to complete the capacity test?	Yes, Enel appreciates the IESO's efforts to make scheduling as flexible and transparent as reasonably possible.
What other details do stakeholders require to support this proposal?	With the given testing time window set prior to the season start, will an DR Activation from the market within the first month meet the testing requirements, or is a separate scheduled test required? Enel's support is not contingent on this answer, but could the IESO provide details on when to submit testing template timeline? Will it still be dependent on the testing date?

Expand Participation

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Do you have any feedback regarding the proposal to enable distribution-connected dispatchable generator/storage resources to participate in the Capacity Auction?	No feedback.

Improving Hourly Demand Response (HDR) Performance

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Do you have any feedback regarding the goals of the Improve HDR Performance enhancement as outlined on slide 28 of the presentation?	Enel fully supports the goals to improve HDR performance.

What are the main issues that prevent an HDR resource from delivering to their obligation during non-test activations?	One issue Enel has raised previously is the intersection with customers participating in the ICI program and the resulting Capacity Auction baseline erosion. What is measured as a resource, or contributor, not delivering on their obligation is actually a customer curtailing energy load on one or more baseline days. The benefit the contributor/resource provides on a baseline day for ICI curtailment negatively impacts their Capacity Auction performance. Enel recommends the IESO expand or re-evaluate its baseline methodology, especially for ICI participants.
What are the main issues that prevent an HDR resource from submitting and updating accurate bids and delivering to dispatch schedules during non-test activations?	Enel sees no issues with this requirement. Any deviations to delivering on an existing real-time market bid are unexpected and the result of a real time change to a contributors' operations.
How could existing market signals (pre-dispatch prices, adequacy reports, etc.) and notifications (standby and activation notices) be modified to better prepare HDRs to respond to dispatch instructions?	Enel appreciates the efforts the IESO has made to improve market signals for DR activations with respect to pre-dispatch scheduling and the updated standby price. Outside of explicit market signals defined in the market manual (ie. EEA-1 designation), the updates and existing market signals provide clear market signals for HRD activations.
Would a cap on the number of activations over a specific timeframe (monthly, seasonal, etc.) drive better performance and encourage more demand response participation?	Yes, Enel believes a cap would help Contributors better manage their operations if they know the greatest possible risk of interruption.
Do you have any other suggestions that could give HDR resources a greater ability to prepare and respond to an activation?	No feedback.

Review of Resource-Specific UCAP Methodologies

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Do you have any feedback regarding the review of capacity qualification methodologies for dispatchable loads?	No feedback.
Do you have any feedback regarding the review of capacity qualification methodologies for generator-backed import (GBI) resources?	No feedback.

2027 Prioritized Enhancements

Topic	Feedback
Do you have any other feedback regarding the prioritized enhancements for 2027 and/or engagement timelines presented today?	No feedback.

General Comments/Feedback