# Feedback Form

## Capacity Auction Enhancements – January 29, 2026

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Following the January 29, 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 January 29, 2026, entry on the Capacity Auction Enhancements webpage.

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**Please provide feedback by February 12, 2026, to engagement@ieso.ca.** Please use subject: *Feedback: Capacity Auction Enhancements*.

## Proposed HDR Objective Statement

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| Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the proposed HDR Objective Statement? | Enel X has no comments or suggestions on the HDR Objective Statement. |

## 2025 Market Observations

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| Have we captured all market observations/concerns that have impacted Capacity Auction hourly demand response resource participation in the renewed market since May 1, 2025? | Enel X appreciates the Capacity Auction team's presentation of feedback received post-MRP and its efforts to implement program changes based on this feedback. |
| | Enel X echoes the comments in the engagement regarding revitalizing the list of prioritized improvements now that the MRP transition has concluded. The IESO has stated that the 2026 focus will be "quick wins" given limited time available before the 2026 auction, and Enel X would like to stress the need to plan and implement both near and long-term changes in parallel. While near-term changes are necessary to adapt to the changes, there are various concerns from stakeholders which may require in-depth investigation and should not be deprioritized because of timing. |
| | Enel X also agrees with other stakeholder comments regarding uncertainty in activation indicators. While the IESO is providing multiple sources of information regarding DR Activations: standby reports, pre-dispatch schedules, DR Activations, pricing reports, and IESO advisories, it is not transparent to HDRs how and why the IESO is activating these resources, or that the activations are aligned with market conditions. |
| | Could the IESO provide more insight into how the IESO optimization model considers out-of-market activations for HDRs (e.g., is the increased number of HDR activations that occurred in 2025 a result of the most economical market solution)? |
| | Additionally, could the IESO provide any insights into the erroneous activations that occurred on 9/25/25, 10/14/25, 10/22/25, 10/23/25, and 1/29/26, and the dispatch scheduling error detailed in Renewed Market |

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| | Update engagement on 08/21/2025 and steps the IESO is taking to avoid these going forward? Erroneous activations contribute to contributor fatigue on top of already increased number of activations and erode participant confidence that IESO system need is driving the ask for them to curtail operations |

## General Comments/Feedback

To address the IESO's concerns of HDR reliability could the IESO explore opportunities to update the program M&V methodology: e.g. multiple baseline types, etc.? The presentation showed HDR performance at 72%. One contributing factor is the intersection of GA days and baseline days for HDR contributors that are also ICI participants. As the number of activations during the IESO's system peak months increases, the overlap in baseline days and GA days also increases. There is the potential that a portion of what the IESO is then seeing as lower performance is likely a function of baseline erosion, not actual decreased participation or lower reliability.