

Feedback Form

Capacity Auction Enhancements – March 31, 2026

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Following the March 31, 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 March 31, 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 April 15, 2026, to engagement@ieso.ca. Please use subject: *Feedback: Capacity Auction Enhancements.*

Activation Payment Certainty

Topic	Feedback
<p>Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to activation payment certainty for HDR resources?</p>	<p>Enel appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on this, and all other topics included in this engagement.</p> <p>In slide 4/4 of this section, it states that "HDRs will be compensated for energy delivered if HDR bids are at or above \$1999." Then in the Partial Activations – IESO Response – Path Forward slide it states "...understanding the drivers of partial activations may help inform HDR bidding strategies." Do these two comments together imply that if an HDR resource would like to avoid partial activations, it should bid at a price below \$1999, but doing so will forfeit activation payments for energy delivered?</p>

Partial Activations

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<p>Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to partial activations of HDR resources?</p>	<p>The feedback provided acknowledges the operational burden, but not the problematic baseline measurement when the market participant must provide data for the complete resource, when only part of the resource was activated. This will continue to impact performance assessment, payment and potential penalties while the IESO monitors the problem.</p>

Frequent Activations

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<p>Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to the frequent activation of HDR resources?</p>	<p>The IESO's feedback for each of these topics (Activation Payment, Partial Activation, Frequent Activation) would</p>

indicate that the HDR resource is being used more as an energy resource rather than a capacity resource as a result of frequent activations. To better understand operational expectations, **Enel suggests that the IESO provide more information on the planning assumptions in the APO or Reliability Outlook that the IESO uses for the HDR resources and clarify if the way the HDR resources are being activated in the operating timeframe is in line with these planning assumptions?**

Furthermore, Enel requests that the IESO provide historical data behind the triggers on all HDR activations that occurred in 2025? (ie. Control room activation, LMP, EEA-1, etc.)

We understand that DR is activated prior to non-DAM imports being committed – which may not be the most economic outcome. Has the IESO done any analysis on this timing? In other words, would HDR resources be activated as often if non-DAM imports were committed first?

The primary need from Enel is predictability. If the drivers of activations are unpredictable, then HDRs cannot appropriately plan for activations, including preparing customers to respond, leading to unpredictable performance, which is counter to the IESO Capacity Auction’s proposed mission statement.

2026-2028 Enhancements Roadmap

Topic	Feedback
Do you have any feedback regarding the IESO’s engagement approach and high-level engagement timelines?	How will the IESO ensure that changes between this team and other engagements

	that will impact the Capacity Auction (i.e. ERP) are coordinated and communicated? ?
Do you have any feedback regarding prioritized enhancements for the 2026 auction?	

2026 Administrative Enhancements

Topic	Feedback
Do you have any feedback or comments on the proposed administrative enhancements, including the capacity testing processes, contributor management tool improvements, and settlement enhancement?	

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General Comments/Feedback