

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to activation payment certainty for HDR resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Partial Activations

Topic	Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to partial activations of HDR resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Workbench Energy understands even small bid-price differentiation can reduce the frequency of tiebreak-driven partial activations. Workbench requests the IESO revisit this topic after the Summer 2026 obligation period to report if bid price differentiation had any impact on the frequency of partial activations across HDR resources.

Frequent Activations

Topic	Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you have any feedback regarding the updates that the IESO provided related to the frequent activation of HDR resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

2026-2028 Enhancements Roadmap

Topic	Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you have any feedback regarding the IESO's engagement approach and high-level engagement timelines?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Workbench strongly encourages the IESO to expedite the HDR Standby Notice Price Trigger Review ahead of the timeline specified. With data available from Summer 2025 and no timeline restrictions to update the Standby Notice Price Trigger in the Market Manual 4.3, Section 5.2, early implementation is feasible and

	<p>will have significant benefit to the program. An incremental change can be made subsequently, once the review of the 2025-26 Winter obligation period is complete. Further, the Capacity Auction team committed in a previous engagement (2024) to complete an annual review of the standby notice price threshold, however this threshold value has not been updated since 2022. Workbench Energy requests the IESO provide the results of the previous annual reviews.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have any feedback regarding prioritized enhancements for the 2026 auction? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

2026 Administrative Enhancements

Topic	Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have any feedback or comments on the proposed administrative enhancements, including the capacity testing processes, contributor management tool improvements, and settlement enhancement? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide documentation / instructions to support Capacity Test Data Submissions via Online IESO ahead of the summer obligation period. Please update the Activation Payment (CT-1320) formula on slide 43, which references the HOEPH as an input, with the correct variable.

General Comments/Feedback

Workbench Energy appreciates the IESO's willingness to work with stakeholders to identify and resolve program issues, inefficiencies, and administration. The first year of the Renewed Market has corresponded with periods of tight electricity supply and unusual weather patterns, highlighting the value of demand response as a market capacity resource. We support the continued evolution of the capacity market to enable these resources to participate in the IESO market in a manner that is transparent, technically feasible and commercially viable for all parties.