

Feedback Form

Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Roadmap – June 22, 2021

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Following the June 22, 2021 DER Roadmap engagement meeting, the IESO is seeking feedback from participants on the DER Roadmap, stakeholder views on the DERs that are most likely to emerge in Ontario, the OEB/IESO joint engagement objectives and proposed process, and finally, on the upcoming OEB/IESO joint targeted call on Enabling Resource. The IESO will work to consider feedback and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the engagement webpage.

The referenced presentation can be found under the June 22, 2021 entry on the [DER Roadmap webpage](#).

Please provide feedback by July 14 2021 to engagement@ieso.ca. Please use subject: *Feedback: DER Roadmap*. To promote transparency, this feedback, if provided in an AODA-compliant format (e.g. using this form) will be posted on the [DER Roadmap webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

Thank you for your time.

DER Roadmap

Topic	Feedback
Has the IESO identified the right focus areas to deliver on its goal for DER integration?	
Will the near-term initiatives enable the IESO to make timely progress on its goal and focus areas?	
Are stakeholders supportive of the approach detailed in the draft DER Roadmap Engagement Plan?	

DER Roadmap – Stakeholder Views

The IESO is seeking stakeholders who wish to present their views on the DERs that are most likely to emerge in Ontario and how they should be incorporated into wholesale markets. IESO will seek to identify a number of stakeholders to present their views at the September engagement days and will work with stakeholders to coordinate content. Presentations and subsequent stakeholder discussions will provide insight for the DER Market Vision Project.

Interested stakeholders are asked to briefly identify their views below. If stakeholders prefer not to have these initial views on DERs published as part of this broader feedback submission, please email your comments separately to engagement@ieso.ca.

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Views on the DERs that are most likely to emerge in Ontario and how they should be incorporated into wholesale markets	

OEB/IESO Joint Engagement on DER Integration

Topic	Feedback
Do the proposed OEB/IESO Joint Engagement objectives meet stakeholder needs?	
Will the proposed process for OEB/IESO Joint Engagement enable us to deliver on the proposed objectives?	

Topic	Feedback
What are the cross-cutting issues relevant to the OEB/IESO Joint Engagement that there should be focus on/awareness of and why do they matter?	

OEB Innovation Sandbox and IESO Grid Innovation Fund Joint Targeted Call on Enabling Resources

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Given the problem statement, recommendations, and opportunity presented today, what barriers to DER integration are best suited to be addressed through the joint call?	
Which kinds of projects designed to address these barriers would be expected to benefit from regulatory support available through the OEB Innovation Sandbox?	

General Comments/Feedback

The OEA continues to be supportive the efforts of both the IESO and OEB to investigate the role of and develop policies regarding the participation of DERs in Ontario’s electricity sector. DERs in Ontario have the potential to offer benefit streams to customers at the distribution system level, as well as for wholesale and market operations. The OEA has consistently advocated that benefits of DERs will be realized to their full potential only if there is robust coordination between the OEB and IESO, as well as industry stakeholders. Therefore, the OEA is pleased that the OEB and IESO are proposing to initiate joint engagement meetings to enhance coordination on DER integration.

Further, the OEA believes the proposed objective to “Identify key cross-cutting issues and demonstrate to stakeholders how and when they will be addressed,” will be a critical component of the success of the OEB-IESO joint engagement. The joint engagement should help ensure that the IESO and OEB develop a common understanding of the definition, value, cost, and benefits of DERs to inform appropriate policies and rules that do not act at cross-purposes.

The OEA is also supportive of the OEB and IESO further coordinating through the OEB Innovation Sandbox and IESO Grid Innovation Fund Joint Targeted Call on Enabling Resources. In particular, the OEA is pleased that the coordination effort will be seeking projects that address the problem of how to “maximize the system-wide and ratepayer value

that DERs can provide to Ontario's electricity sector and its customers by reliably integrating these resources across both wholesale and distribution system levels." The OEA has previously supported consideration of both upstream and downstream impacts in the analysis of DERs and associated policies.

Lastly, the OEA re-iterates its previous view that co-ordination between the IESO and OEB should not slow or 'put on hold' the work that is being done to connect DERs and increase the participation of DERs in the IAMs where that work is not likely to be materially impacted by changing policies related to DERs.