

# Engagement Plan

## Hydrogen Interruptible Rate Pilot

### Introduction

In February 2023, the Ministry of Energy issued a directive to the Independent Electricity System Operators (IESO) to develop a plan to design and implement an interruptible rate pilot for Global Adjustment charges tailored for hydrogen producers in Ontario that employ electrolyzers. To support this, the IESO will engage with hydrogen production stakeholders to solicit feedback on pilot design features ahead of the report back to government by September 15, 2023.

### Engagement Objectives:

The objectives of this engagement include:

- Ensuring stakeholders, especially hydrogen producers, understand the report-back expectation for the plan to develop a Hydrogen Interruptible Rate Program
- Seeking and incorporating stakeholder's feedback on pilot design features to support participation and leverage the flexibility of electrolyzer-based hydrogen production facilities
- Providing stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions and receive regular updates on the program's progress.

### Approach:

The IESO will use the following approach to engage stakeholders effectively:

- This engagement plan will be implemented in accordance with the IESO's approved engagement principals.
- This is a public engagement process. All materials will be posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage, and, information/input provided by stakeholders will be posted (with their consent)
- The IESO will extend invitations to hydrogen developers in Ontario through various digital channels, such as email, the IESO bulletin, and the IESO website, to inform them about the engagement process. Additionally, the IESO will conduct targeted engagement sessions to gather feedback on specific topics of interest, involving one-on-one

discussions between IESO staff and hydrogen developer organizations. This approach enables detailed responses and enhances the development of the pilot plan.

## Proposed Engagement Schedule:

The IESO proposes the following engagement schedule for the Interruptible Rate pilot for hydrogen production facilities:

Timing	Engagement Activity
July/August 2023	<p>Focused consultation with potential pilot participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IESO to hold meetings with hydrogen developer organizations that express interest in the pilot</li><li>• IESO to solicit feedback on pilot design features that would support participation and leverage the flexibility of electrolyzer-based hydrogen production facilities</li></ul>
August 2023	<p>Engagement webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The IESO will host a broad engagement to report back to stakeholders on the feedback received through the focused consultation sessions and summarize how it will inform the report back to the Ministry.</li></ul>
September 15, 2023	<p>Report back to government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IESO to report back to government on a plan to design and implement a Hydrogen Interruptible Rate Pilot</li></ul>

The engagement plan ensures transparency and clarity regarding the Interruptible Rate Pilot for hydrogen producers, providing equal opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the program's design and offer feedback. The IESO remains committed to engaging all stakeholders by providing meaningful opportunities for input, hosting open and constructive discussions, and regularly updating stakeholders on the program's progress. For any comments or questions regarding the engagement plan, stakeholders can reach out to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca).

## Additional Background and Resources

[February 9, 2023 Minister's Directive](#)

[Regulatory Registry Proposal: Accelerating Growth in Hydrogen Energy Through Electricity Rate Options](#)

## Related Engagements

[Interruptible Rate Pilot](#) (for general load participation)