

# Long-Term RFP: Indigenous Community Feedback & IESO Response

## Long-Term RFP (LT1 RFP) Information Session for Indigenous Communities - July 11, 2023

Following the July 11, 2023 LT1 RFP engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) invited Indigenous communities and groups to provide feedback on the design of the LT1 RFP.

The presentation materials and recordings of the sessions are available on the dedicated Community Engagement [webpage](#).

The following written feedback from Indigenous communities and groups was received.

- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Walpole Island First Nation

This feedback has been posted on the IESO's [community engagement webpage](#).

### Note on Feedback Summary and IESO Response

The IESO appreciates the written feedback received from Indigenous communities and groups. The table below responds to the written feedback received and is organized by each topic. This document is provided for information purposes only. It does not constitute, nor should it be construed to constitute, legal advice or a guarantee, offer, representation or warranty on behalf of the IESO.

## Summary Analysis

### Theme: Rated Criteria

The feedback on the rated criteria spoke in favour of incentivizing larger percentages of Indigenous ownership, providing additional points for Indigenous participation, and giving preference to local communities over non-local communities. It also mentioned that the additional point for a project on Indigenous lands overlooks fee simple land owned by Métis.

Feedback received included additional recommendations and considerations on the Rated Criteria, which are addressed in the following sections.

Feedback	IESO Response
One participant, with respect to the additional point for a project located on Indigenous Lands, pointed out that Métis in Ontario do not have reserve lands that fall within the Indigenous Lands definition. Thus this aspect of the LT RFP should better accommodate Métis.	The IESO acknowledges and appreciates the important role Indigenous communities and groups play in the successful planning, development and operation of their Electricity resources. As indicated in the June 29 <sup>th</sup> engagement meeting, the IESO is contemplating including additional Rated Criteria Points in the LT1 RFP that are related to the location of a participating Indigenous Community. The application of these additional points would include projects located on lands within the established or asserted traditional territory or homeland of an Indigenous Community (where that Indigenous Community holds an Economic Interest in the Proponent that is included in the Proponent Indigenous Participation Level). 'Indigenous Community' is defined in the LT1 RFP as including a Métis Community. Please note, the additional Rated Criteria Points are not linked to the definition of "Indigenous Lands". Further details were presented at the LT1 RFP stakeholder engagement session on August 17 <sup>th</sup> .

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<p>One participant, with respect to the rated criteria, stated that the proposed solution of assigning three (3) points is flawed and a disadvantage to help increase Indigenous participation levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is little incentive for a proponent to offer more than 10% to a First Nation if there is no incentive to partner at a 50% or greater level.</li> <li>• The elimination of 2 points offered for projects with Indigenous participation levels at 25% to under 50% is a disadvantage that may result in fewer Indigenous participation projects between 10% and 50%.</li> <li>• A Northern Indigenous community or group with a 50% economic interest and a local First Nation with 49% would be competing equally as both would have two (2) points awarded.</li> </ul>	<p>The IESO is proposing a revised Rated Criteria Point structure based on the feedback received, which includes three tiers of points (between 1 and 3) based on the Proponent Indigenous Participation Level, and additional points based on the location of the participating Indigenous Community/Communities. Further details were presented at the LT1 RFP stakeholder engagement session on August 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>