

Feedback Form

Transmitter Selection Framework: Focused Engagement Session #2 – Mar 27, 2024

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Following the March 27, 2024 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by April 19, 2024. If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

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<p>Do you have feedback on the IESO’s Bulk Transmission System Planning process, e.g., in terms of opportunities to be informed or to participate in the development of plans or plan alternatives, and/or in terms of the scope and detail of transmission recommendations?</p>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

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<p>Do you have feedback regarding the proposed TSF eligibility considerations? Specifically, as it pertains to:</p> <p>New Facilities vs. Upgrades: New facilities would be eligible</p> <p>Network vs. Connection Facilities: Facilities that benefit all electricity ratepayers would be eligible</p> <p>Estimated Facility Cost: Facilities with an estimated cost of \$100M or greater would be eligible for competitive procurement</p> <p>Facility Size: Facilities at a nominal voltage of 200 kV and greater would be eligible</p> <p>Timing and System Reliability Need: The minimum lead-time for a reliability-driven facility would be 6 years to the recommended in-service date</p>	<p>New facilities vs. upgrades – While I understand the need for competitive opportunities for new businesses and facilities, we surely cannot let the energy sector stagnate or have longstanding companies run things; in Anishnaabe value systems we try our best to not let anything go to waste. So for outdated facilities, some consideration does need to be made for upgrades or for environmental restoration projects. I would also like to add that these facilities do not last forever. There needs to be decommissioning plans, responsibility and accountability and environmental restoration plans in place for the eventual end of all the projects.</p>

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Are there additional eligibility considerations not captured in the initial considerations that the IESO should consider?	Click or tap here to enter text.

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From the perspective of Indigenous communities and stakeholders, how can the IESO better enable you to effectively participate in IESO transmission planning process?	<p>Indigenous people still face a large economic disparity. These are major projects and First Nations not having the capital or means to partner in projects is certainly still a huge barrier. Transmission, and energy sector developments can interrupt indigenous harvesting rights, and of course we have seen throughout Canada's history attempts to remove indigenous people from their lands with either policy or "imminent domain", land seizures. The treaties and their history needs to be understood by prospective companies looking to work in Indigenous lands. Impactful cultural competency courses should be a requirement for anyone looking to work in First Nations territory.</p>

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Do you have any suggestions for future topics for Focused Engagement Sessions or one-on-one discussions?	<p>First Nations have long been purposefully excluded from design and benefits of the energy grid. While we are in the beginnings of reconciliation there is still much work to be done. Cultural Competency Training needs to be a requirement for all players in the energy sector. When understanding the history of Indigenous relationships with Canadian governments, what are the biggest lessons? I believe in giving First Nations every opportunity for self-sufficiency and self-reliance. Canada’s policy with first nations was to dominate and destroy First Nations on a systematic level. First Nations culture and history is that of self-reliance, sustainability and self determination. It has only been interrupted by the colonial project.</p> <p>Understanding this and Canada’s history and policy with First Nations can teach us that to move towards equality we need to provide the tools for First Nations self determination and also insulate First Nations from further political and economic interference. The IESO should be seriously looking to partner with First Nations and ensuring that their own grids can feed into the larger while also operating independently to provide energy security for their people, that cannot be interfered with if Canada’s policy with indigenous people ever have a “back-slide”. We cannot be naïve to think that Canada could never return to the harmful and racist policies of the past.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

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