

Transmitter Selection Framework: Municipal Feedback and IESO Response

Information Session for Municipalities – January 17, 2024

Following the Community Engagement Information Session and Municipal Breakout discussion held virtually on January 17, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) invited feedback on the presentation materials and how the IESO can support municipal input into this initiative.

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

Written feedback was received from the following parties and posted:

- [Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario](#)
- [Loyalist Township](#)
- [Municipality of Chatham-Kent](#)
- [WAIT-PW](#)

Note on Feedback Summary and IESO Response

The IESO appreciates the written feedback received from municipalities and other interested parties. 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.

Feedback	IESO Response
<p>Municipalities that provided feedback indicated they're interested in being involved in developing the Transmitter Selection Framework, and would require time to review and comment.</p>	<p>The IESO appreciates the interest in being involved in the development of the Transmitter Selection Framework, and understands that municipalities have important perspectives to share as the hosts of potential transmission projects.</p> <p>Over the coming months, the IESO will host more focused municipal opportunities to share further details about the competitive Transmitter Selection Framework and continue to understand and incorporate feedback where possible, and will also welcome 1on1 discussions with interested municipalities. As part of these activities, considerations will be given around providing sufficient time to review and comment on the Transmitter Selection Framework development.</p> <p>The feedback we receive from municipalities through engagements will help to inform the IESO's report back to the Ministry of Energy this summer that will describe the considerations around an effective Transmitter Selection Framework, which would be expected to evolve Ontario's current approach to selecting transmitters for transmission projects in the interests of fostering competition and innovation.</p>
<p>Siting for new transmission infrastructure is an important consideration, specifically protecting prime agricultural lands and minimize land use impacts.</p>	<p>The competitive Transmitter Selection Framework will aim to establish a transparent process for identifying transmitters that will be responsible for developing future transmission projects. The framework is intended to provide an enduring and predictable competitive process for selecting transmitters to develop transmission projects in the future.</p> <p>The IESO is early in its framework development work and will continue to engage in the coming months to collect further input, including on specific design elements.</p> <p>The IESO's regional and bulk electricity plans may provide recommendations including transmission in</p>

a specific area to meet needs identified through its technical studies; however, specific routes are not typically determined at this stage. Under a future Transmitter Selection Framework, selected transmitters will still be required to follow all applicable laws, permitting requirements, regulations and local approvals. As part of this important work, exact siting location is expected to continue to be determined through the Environmental Assessment process.

Improving awareness for the approval processes for transmission projects is helpful, as it differs significantly from generation projects.

Over the coming months, our team will host more engagement opportunities to share more details about the Transmitter Selection Framework design work and continue to work to understand feedback, including providing more details around the existing transmission development landscape.