



Exemption Application Form

Submit this form by e-mail to: exemptions@ieso.ca

All information submitted in this process will be used by the *IESO* solely in support of its obligations under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the *market rules* and associated policies, standards and procedures and its licence. All submitted information will be assigned the appropriate confidentiality level upon receipt.

Terms and acronyms used in this Form that are italicized have the meanings ascribed thereto in Chapter 11 of the *market rules*.

Part 1 – General Information

Date Submitted to the IESO:	2026/04/13
Organization Name:	York Energy Centre L.P
Address:	18781 Dufferin St.
City/Town:	Newmarket
Province:	ON
Postal/Zip Code:	L3Y 4V9
Email Address:	tcoutts@capitalpower.com

Part 2 – Information About the Exemption Application

Please specify the duration for which you would like the exemption granted in days, months or years:	Indefinitely
Please cite the <i>market rules</i> section number(s) or the <i>market manual</i> , policy, standard or procedure to which this <i>exemption application</i> relates:	chapter 0.7, section 3.5.29.2 of the Renewed Market Rules

Part 3 – Type of Exemption Application Request

The *exemption applicant* requests an *exemption* pursuant to section 2.1 of Market Manual 2.2: Exemption Applications

OR

The *exemption applicant* requests an interim *exemption* pursuant to section 2.2 of Market Manual 2.2: Exemption Applications staying the *exemption applicant's* obligation to comply with the following *market rules* listed in Part 2 of this form

*The *IESO* recommends that the *exemption applicant* contact the *IESO's* Market Assessment and Compliance Division regarding the compliance and enforcement measures the *IESO* intends to take pending the hearing of the *exemption* as in some cases it may not be necessary for the *exemption applicant* to seek an interim *exemption*.

Part 4 – Supporting Documentation to be Attached by Exemption Applicant

The *exemption applicant* shall attach a plan detailing:

- The manner and time within which the *exemption applicant* will become compliant;
- The manner in which the *exemption applicant* proposes to modify its equipment or *facilities* or otherwise conduct its operations during the period of time for which the *exemption* would be in effect; and
- The *exemption applicant's* estimate of any costs that may be imposed on the *IESO* or on other *market participants*, if the *exemption* were granted.

Additionally, the criteria listed in section 3.2.4 of Market Manual 2.2: Exemption Applications should be considered and detailed in the *exemption applicant's* plan and as appropriate, supported by additional documentation.

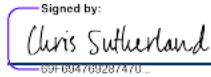
1. *Exemption applicant's* plan (must be attached)
2. Click or tap here to enter text.
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Part 5 – Certification

The *exemption applicant* hereby declares that the information contained in and submitted in support of this document is, to the best of the *exemption applicant's* knowledge, complete and accurate.

Chris Sutherland

Name

Signed by:

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Title

VP, Commercial (Canada East)

Part 6 – Confidentiality

- The *exemption applicant* agrees that information in this *exemption application* may be posted in its entirety on the *IESO* website
- OR*
- The *exemption applicant* claims confidentiality over parts of this *exemption application* in accordance with Section 1.3 of Market Manual 2.2: Exemption Applications. The parts of this *exemption application* over which confidentiality is claimed are highlighted. The balance of the information in this *exemption application* may be posted on the *IESO* website.



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Date: April 13, 2026
To: exemptions@ieso.ca
From: Tracy Coutts – tcoutts@capitalpower.com
CC: Adam Cumming - Adam.Cumming@ieso.ca
Subject: York Energy Center – Attachment to Exemption Application

**** Highlighted items to be redacted for public posting.**

1. York Energy Center (YEC) requests an exemption to chapter 0.7, section 3.5.29.2 of the renewed market rules. In the implementation of the renewed market rules, YEC was deemed non-compliant with the rule. The Market Assessment and Compliance Division agreed to allow YEC to continue to input a Minimum Loading Point (MLP) of zero in order to continue to participate in the 30 min operating reserve market in the interim of an exemption being granted.
2. The exemption requested is to allow YEC to continue to offer 30-minute operating reserves, and receive schedules when not synchronized, by submitting a daily dispatch Minimum Loading Point value of 0 MW for an indefinite period of time.
3. YEC is 456 MW located northwest of Newmarket, Ontario in the Township of King. Capital Power acquired its share in YEC from Veresen Inc. in April 2017. The facility [REDACTED] is operated by Capital Power. YEC holds a contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through April 2035. This contract provides a payment for capacity but also accounts for operation in the operating reserve market.
4. YEC operates two gas turbines, typically dispatched by the IESO when needed to meet peaks in demand. YEC is not a quick-start facility which requires to begin supply in 5 mins of an IESO dispatch. While YEC is considered a Non-Quick Start (NQS) facility, it is often operated outside of economic dispatch by the IESO. YEC offers into both the energy and 30-min operating reserve market.
5. Under the new market design, NQS facilities with a minimum loading point greater than 0 MW cannot offer into the 30 min operating reserve market.
6. York falls into the NQS category and is not able to input their actual Minimum Loading Point [REDACTED] into the system if they wish to offer into the 30-min operating reserve market.
7. YEC is not proposing to change its operations or modify its equipment or facilities. YEC is a dispatchable generation resource that is a NQS resource and is not a nuclear

generation resource and is therefore, without the exemption, required to submit a minimum loading point greater than 0.0 MW, up to one decimal place.

Minimum Loading Point means the minimum output of energy that can be produced by a generation resource under stable conditions without ignition support, in accordance with the technical requirements of the associated facility.

8. The exemption will increase the IESO's ability to operate and maintain the reliability of the IESO controlled grid by ensuring that YEC, an essential resource in the operating reserve market, can continue to provide necessary operating reserve support to the grid. Operating reserves are necessary for the function of the electricity system in Ontario. YEC is a large provider of operating reserves in the province. YEC sees frequent operating reserves schedules, and in 2024 alone provided [REDACTED] of operating reserves to the system.
9. There are no added costs to market participants or the IESO by allowing YEC to operate in the same manner as it did prior the new market design and allowing an exemption to YEC. On the contrary, there is a positive impact from the market cost savings by ensuring the energy YEC can provide is available to the 30 min operating reserve market. As well, there is no undue preference in the operating reserve market administered by the IESO.
10. There would be negative impacts to YEC in being unable to continue to participate in the operating reserve market. In 2024 alone, YEC received [REDACTED]