

Release Plan for IT Changes

Final Plan for Release 56.0, July 2026

Changes to IESO systems planned as part of Release 56.0 are described below. Unless noted otherwise, the planned deployment dates are:

- Sandbox Build on July 30, 2026
- Non-Real Time Build on September 2, 2026
- Real-Time Build on September 9, 2026

For the annual 2026 IESO IT Release Schedule web page, [click here](#).

Any modification from a previous release plan is noted in the description. More information about the IT Release Plan is found at the end of this document.

Questions or concerns about IESO Release Plans may be sent to pending.changes@ieso.ca or directed to IESO Customer Relations.

ID121322: Update Customer Energy Summary Report

Type of change

Real Time and Non-Real Time, Category 3

Stakeholder & Document References

- [Pending Changes - Reports](#)

Applications Impacted

Sandbox

- IESO Reports

Production

- IESO Reports

Reason for Change

The Customer Energy Summary Report is a companion to the monthly IESO invoice. It provides Market Participants with a summary of total, and peak, electricity usage for the previous month.

This change is being implemented after Market Participant consultations with the IESO Customer Experience team resulted in a recommendation to update the Customer Energy Summary Report to include the five Ontario ICI (Industrial Conservation Initiative) Demand Peaks instead of the five AQEW peaks.

Description of Change

The Customer Energy Summary Report will be updated to display the five Ontario ICI Demand Peaks instead of the five AQEW peaks.

Expected Impact

There will be no outage during the deployment window, as the first new Customer Energy Summary Report will be published the week following this deployment.

The report changes may impact Market Participants who use custom scripts to archive or process reports. Specifically, any updates to the report schema file will require script modifications to ensure compatibility with the new structure.

A schema file and sample report reflecting the new tags is available on the [Pending Changes – Reports](#) webpage to help users test their systems before the deployment to the Production environment.

About the IT Release Plan

Four times a year, the IESO coordinates a release package of changes to IESO systems that will impact users outside the IESO. These changes are categorized as either:

- **Category 2** change (users will have to make a functional change, such as an update to a procedure), or
- **Category 3** change (users will have to modify a technical interface with an IESO system or solution).

For each release, three versions of the Release Plan are published:

1. Preliminary Release Plan
2. Target Release Plan
3. Final Release Plan

The [IT Release Schedule](#) provides the planned dates for each release. Dates for specific changes may differ from the calendar dates, but these will be clarified in the Release Plan.

Sandbox Implementation is the date the change is deployed on the IESO Sandbox environment, used for testing and training.

Production Build is the date the change goes live. This may happen during either:

1. Real-Time Build for systems used to interact with the IESO-Controlled Grid or IESO-Administered Market, or
2. Non-Real Time Build for other systems used to interact with the IESO, such as those used for settlements or registration activities.

Efforts are made to minimize the impacts of system outages during planned releases. Planned outages are posted in advance on the IESO [Planned IT Outages](#) webpage.