Assessment of Impact of Market Rule Amendment on Consumers Re: Price, Reliability, Quality of Electricity Service

This form is used to document the *IESO's* assessment of the impact of a proposed *market rule amendment* on the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the *reliability* and quality of electricity service.

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

Part 1 – Market Rule Information

Identification No.: MR-00500-R00 – Urgent Market Rule Amendment

Title: Reliability Contract Uplift

Date of Assessment: October 1, 2026

Part 2 – Assessment

The following is the *IESO's* assessment of the impact of the proposed *market rule amendment* on the interests of consumers with respect to price and the *reliability* and quality of electricity service.

Impact on Price:

The market rule amendments themselves should have no impact on the commodity price for electricity.

However, the amendment would result in the recovery of costs associated with a reliability capacity contract through a new volumetric uplift, which would increase uplift charges to market participants. To the extent that the acquired capacity improves resource adequacy and reduces the likelihood of scarcity conditions, the procured capacity will have a beneficial indirect effect on market prices by increasing supply.

Impact on Reliability of Electricity Service:

The market rule amendments will support the IESO's ability to maintain the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. It enables the IESO to recover costs associated with actions taken under sections 2.3.2 and 2.4.2 of Chapter 5 to avoid or mitigate high-risk and emergency operating states. In the current circumstances, the amendment would support the acquisition of contracted capacity required to address anticipated near-term adequacy shortfalls and maintain the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid.

Impact on Quality of Electricity Service:

The market rule amendments will have no impact on the quality of electricity service.