

Feedback Received and IESO Response

GTA West Regional Electricity Plan Public Webinar #1: Draft Scoping Assessment– October 29, 2024

The IESO hosted a public webinar on October 29th, 2024, for the GTA West region to share the draft scoping assessment recommendation for the planning approach to address the electricity needs of the GTA West electrical region. The scoping assessment recommends an Integrated Regional Resource Plan for GTA West. During the webinar, the IESO provided an overview of the regional electricity planning process, the GTA West electrical region, and shared the rationale for the draft scoping assessment recommendation for the region. The presentation material and recorded webinar are available on the [engagement webpage](#).

The IESO appreciates the input received, which will be considered by the Technical Working Group¹ to inform the final Scoping Assessment Report. Feedback was received from the following parties and the full submission can be viewed on the [engagement webpage](#):

- [Enbridge Gas Inc.](#)

The section below summarizes feedback received related to coordinated energy planning that should be considered in the electricity planning for the GTA West Region.

Note on Feedback Summary and IESO Response

The IESO appreciates the feedback received from stakeholders and communities. The tables set out below respond to the feedback received and are organized by topic.

A) Perspectives on Coordinated Energy Planning

¹ The Technical Working Group is lead by the IESO, and consists of the LDCs in the region (Alectra Utilities Inc., Burlington Hydro Inc., Milton Hydro Distribution Inc., Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc., Halton Hills Hydro Inc., and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Distribution)) and the local transmitter Hydro One Networks Inc.

Feedback / Common Themes	IESO Response
<p>Coordinated Energy Planning: Enbridge Gas recommends coordinated energy planning between the electric and gas sectors to help optimize the energy systems in the GTA West. Enbridge further recommended that a diversified scenario that leverages electric and low-carbon gas (i.e., RNG, hydrogen, and hybrid CHP facilities) be considered in the IRRP.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing this feedback. The Technical Working Group acknowledges the potential benefits of coordination between electricity planning processes and welcomes further discussion and input on the options available to meet needs. During upcoming regional planning milestones, the Technical Working Group welcomes input and data from Enbridge Gas on the amount of demand that could be supplied from low-carbon fuels and options available to reduce demand.</p> <p>The Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's final report consists of recommendations to help Ontario prepare for electrification and the energy transition. One of the panel's principles is to ensure transparency and effective coordination in energy planning to facilitate the fuel switching, system optimization and enhanced levels of energy efficiency required by the clean energy economy.</p> <p>Building on the EETP's recommendations, the Ministry of Energy and Electrification recently released the Minister's vision for Ontario's Affordable Energy Future, and in the vision paper reaffirmed the important role of integrated energy resource planning. The IESO looks forward to working with the Ministry of Energy and Electrification, Ontario Energy Board, local distribution companies, municipalities, and gas utilities to inform a provincial integrated energy plan.</p>