

# Feedback Form

## Regional Electricity Planning in the Ottawa Area Sub-Region – May 24, 2024

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Following the Ottawa Area Sub-Region electricity planning engagement webinar held on May 24, 2024, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the draft electricity demand forecast scenarios and Engagement Plan. A copy of the presentation as well as a recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by June 14, 2024.**

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What additional information, if any, should be incorporated in the proposed electricity demand scenarios? What are	Demand scenarios should be based on the expected demand for the electricity services that will result from implementation of the region's Climate Change Master

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<p>some of your key developments, projects or initiatives that should be considered in developing an electricity demand forecast for the Ottawa Area Sub-Region?</p>	<p>Plan and Official Plan, overlaid with expected electrification of transport and heating. Reducing this demand through behind-the-meter efficiency, conservation, solar generation and batteries and should be treated as “resource options” along with supply side options in the IRRP process. [All true IRP methodologies include both supply and demand side options]. In this way the value of demand side measures competes directly with supply side wires and non-wires options. On the supply side, meeting local demands with non-wires community owned “distributed energy resources” such as community solar and battery banks should be prioritized. The benefits of these locally placed, locally owned and locally managed resources should be recognized and valued in the IRRP process.</p>
<p>What local issues and concerns should be considered in the electricity planning?</p>	<p>Affordability is a significant concern for everyone. Efficiency efforts, net-metering, and community energy initiatives are impeded by regulation and the relatively high baseline delivery charges for electricity. Lower income households are not able to benefit from net metering. The Ontario Electricity Rebate favours those that use more electricity while placing the cost of the rebate on the taxpayers. Eliminating regulatory barriers, providing more local flexibility, and creating better community deployment models could increase cost effective local generation, reduce delivery charges, and incentivize participation in peak demand response initiatives.</p>
<p>What information is important to provide to participants throughout this engagement?</p>	<p>Beyond affordable electricity, resiliency and reliability are important. Severe weather events are becoming more common. Community microgrids increase resiliency and provide opportunities for community ownership and building local wealth. Rural areas often have large rooftop areas and under-utilized distribution infrastructure that could provide additional supply and local benefits. Maximizing local economic benefits while increasing electricity reliability (peak management) for the community is compelling.</p>

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Does the proposed Engagement Plan provide sufficient scope and opportunities for input?	Click or tap here to enter text.

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