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Regional Electricity Planning in the London Area – Needs and Options Screening Webinar - October 2, 2026

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Following the London Area electricity planning engagement webinar held on October 2, 2026, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the electricity needs and screening of potential options for the region. 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 by **October 23, 2026.**

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The screening of high-level potential options suggests that substantial electricity network infrastructure investments may be required to support future growth in the London Area. What key factors should be considered when evaluating and advancing such solutions (e.g. new stations and lines), including timing, cost, and community impacts?	Scalability and flexibility, growth shifts within regions having a dynamic system that can respond to those shifts would be the ideal solution. These upgrades often must be in place or have some sort of assurances that they can be constructed in time to respond to the demands. The current framework in the province adds significant time to environmental and planning approvals, there needs to be a way to get these upgrades pre-approved and designed ready for construction to respond to the demand request in a timely fashion. Construction can wait. The design and planning should be completed in advance to designated points where the distribution can branch off in a timely manner.
When planning for future growth, what feedback do you have on how to weigh the risk of investing in new infrastructure ahead of forecasted demand, against the risk of infrastructure lagging behind growth needs?	We have seen a rapid shift in capital deployment in various sectors in the last few years, systems that cannot respond to the needs of those projects risk missing out on generational opportunities. I would encourage that the planning, design and approvals are obtained prior to some of these needs, to target locations so that when the opportunity arises the system can respond within the ramp up timelines. This would also limit the capital exposure of building the full system in advance, over building could be equally risky. I believe system design and approvals plus critical component construction would result in a system that can respond to an ask within the appropriate timeframe.
What feedback do you have with respect to types of electricity supply resources (e.g., solar, wind, batteries, gas)?	If the grid can be reinforced to accept energy storage and generation solutions that would only make the grid more resilient and should be encouraged.
Are there any enhancements to our engagement approach, presentations, communications, or supporting materials that would help facilitate meaningful participation and feedback as the planning process continues?	Utilization of a digital mapping system with the ability to add notes would better visualize where the needs are predicted to be. I also wonder if the IESO could provide information on where different energy projects would work within the grid (i.e.. Storage or solar generation) without the need for significant grid upgrades, and that way some of the investors and hosts could better understand where these proposals should be placed.

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