

Regional Electricity Planning Northwest Ontario

December 8, 2020 Public Webinar

Feedback Form

Regional electricity planning for Northwest Ontario is underway and the IESO is seeking input from communities and stakeholders to better understand local issues, priorities and identifying future needs.

The IESO will provide an update on current electricity planning activities underway in Northwest Ontario during a public webinar on December 8, 2020. Input will be sought on the draft Scoping Assessment Outcome Report, to help shape and inform the next steps in electricity planning for this region. This feedback form is provided to help facilitate your input. The questions below are simply a guide to the type of information sought, so please feel free to share any feedback that you may have.

The webinar presentation and recording will be posted on the [Regional Electricity Planning – Northwest Ontario \(ieso.ca\)](#) engagement webpage afterwards.

Please provide your feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **December 24, 2020**. In keeping with the IESO's commitment to transparency, all feedback will be posted to the IESO website and all comments will be considered and responded to by the IESO.

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- 1. Please provide details about specific projects or future initiatives that your business or community is developing within the northwest region to inform the electricity forecast.**

As the IESO is aware, Sioux Lookout Hydro is working with Hydro One Distribution and Transmission to develop a plan to increase capacity at the Sam Lake DS to support future load growth. Sioux Lookout Hydro expects an SIA to be submitted by Hydro One before the end of the year.

The Municipality of Sioux Lookout, under their feedback submission, will detail future community initiatives that are being developed. It will be important for the scoping assessment to consider the future developments and associated loads to ensure that the northwest region electrical system forecast captures the need. System capacity must be in place to remove community development barriers.

- 2. What other factors should be considered when structuring the study? For example: timing, information needed, interested parties, etc.**

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- 3. Please identify any additional issues/opportunities for consideration in this scoping assessment process.**

The scoping assessment identified the issue of load restoration to stations who are supplied by radial feeds and stated that the IRRP will investigate opportunities for incremental improvements where there is the potential for integration with other system needs and where cost effective.

Since Sioux Lookout is one of the communities fed by a radial feed, it is important to be able to have some redundancy in the event of a disaster such as a forest fire. Sioux Lookout Hydro feels that exploring a possible connection to the Watay Line as another source of power for the area to support redundancy and growth would be beneficial. The Watay Line runs to the east of the Town and is in closer proximity to where future developments are expected to materialize by the Municipality than the Sam Lake DS.

Therefore Sioux Lookout Hydro feels that the Sam Lake DS and/or a connection to the Watay line should be included in the scoping assessment for consideration.

4. Other comments

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