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<p>What other information or insights should be considered in the recommendations and findings outlined in the presentation?</p>	<p>IESO's analysis of the Steep Rock energy storage project identified significant capacity, energy arbitrage and operating reserve value to Ontario ratepayers. As well, the project saves Ontario taxpayers significant \$'s in environmental restoration costs as this work is included in construction of the facility, and gets this work done sooner than under current plans.</p> <p>The Steep Rock proposal offers the IESO the ability to contract for the optimal amount of storage capacity what best meets the needs of the grid, and hence allow ratepayers to maximize full benefits of the facility. As well, the project offers considerable capacity for expansion, which again will be positive in supporting the anticipated load and associated economic growth in the region. So, it would be good to understand the benefits of a large storage facility located in the Northwest region to local communities, businesses and ratepayers. Would it benefit local generators and allow them to produce more MWh's during off-peak hours? Would it facilitate development of additional renewable power projects regionally, and facilitate export opportunities (to Eastern Ontario, Manitoba and the US)? Would it increase the capacity of the local grid and allow it to respond to growth in the area?</p>

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How can the IESO and/or members of the Northwest IRRP Technical Working Group continue to engage with communities as the recommendations in the plan are implemented, or to help prepare for the next planning cycle?	

General Comments/Feedback