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Regional electricity planning has kicked off in the St. Lawrence Electrical Region to ensure a reliable supply of electricity and to support local growth and economic development. Regional planning looks at the unique needs of each region and considers wire and non-wire options and innovative resources to meet the needs. For regional planning purposes, the St. Lawrence region begins at Leeds and the Thousand Islands on the eastern end of Lake Ontario and extends to the inter-provincial boundary with Quebec.

The St. Lawrence Region Technical Working Group (comprising of the IESO, Hydro One Networks Inc., Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc., Fortis Ontario Inc., and Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution) have implemented a streamlined approach in order to keep pace with the rapid growth and economic development in the St. Lawrence Region. As part of this streamlined approach, the Scoping Assessment stage, which has traditionally taken 90 days to complete, has been conducted in an accelerated manner, determining an Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) is required and enabling the Technical Working Group to move directly into the next phase of the regional planning process. The IESO has posted the Scoping Assessment Outcome Report to the St. Lawrence Regional Planning engagement webpage.

Engagement and outreach are central to the IESO's planning process. As regional planning advances, the IESO is committed to working collaboratively with Indigenous communities, municipalities, developers, and consumers, each bringing unique perspectives and expertise to shaping Ontario's energy future. Over the coming months, the IESO will offer opportunities for engagement at key milestones in the plan's development. To stay informed about electricity planning in St. Lawrence, please subscribe for updates. You can also visit our website to learn more about the about the Regional Electricity Planning Process.

Kind Regards,
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