

Feedback Form

Regional Electricity Planning in the Toronto Region – July 10, 2025

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Following the Toronto regional planning webinar held on July 10, 2025, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback on the results of the options screening. A copy of the presentation as well as recording of the session can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by July 25, 2025.

Topic	Feedback
What feedback do you have regarding the results of the wire and non-wire options screening?	<p>I don't accept the following decisions and assumptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That offshore wind should be screened out because of a 2011 moratorium declared by the McGuinty Government...a moratorium that has no legal standing and that could easily be overridden by the Ford Government, if it wanted to do so. 2. That solar, wind and batteries have been screened out because they might not be sufficient on their own. I see no reason that they should not be part of the energy mix, along with other power sources and non-wire solutions. 3. That renewables have been screened out because there isn't enough space for them when there is a huge amount of space available for solar collectors on roofs, storage could be anywhere (even underground), and offshore wind wouldn't take up very much space in the lake. 4. There are repeated references to the undependability of solar and wind. That's why they are usually paired with battery storage...a solution used widely in California, Texas and other places.
What feedback do you have on the preliminary transmission wire options?	<p>I don't understand the decision to locate a 3rd line from what looks like nuclear plants east of the city. Do these routing options assume that the provincial government's planned SMNRs will be in place? The technology to be used to develop these reactors is unproven, and we have no idea when they will come on stream, if ever. It seems foolhardy to base our energy future on an unproven technology.</p>
What feedback do you have regarding how screened-in options could inform the options analysis and draft recommendations?	<p>I feel strongly that the analysis of options should have considered the impact of each option on the future cost of producing and buying electricity from those sources.</p>
Additional information that should be provided in future engagements to help understand perspectives and insights.	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

Webinar #3 and the analyses to which it refers and conclusions it presents sound to me like an exercise in top-down thinking. It sounds like the IESO, under direction from the Province (leading me to doubt the word "Independent" in the name IESO), has made a series of decisions based on a strong preference for gas and nuclear power generation over renewable and non-wire solutions, and the rest is analysis and assumptions leading irrevocably to those decisions.