

Minutes of the IESO Technical Panel Meeting

Meeting date: May 13, 2025
Meeting time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:37 a.m.
Meeting location: Virtual

Chair/Sponsor: Michael Lyle

Scribe: Trisha Hickson, IESO

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Invitees	Representing	Attendance Status Attended, Regrets
Jason Chee-Aloy	Renewable Generators	Attended
Rob Coulbeck	Importers/Exporters	Attended
Dave Forsyth	Market Participant Consumers	Attended
Jennifer Jayapalan	Energy Storage	Attended
Forrest Pengra	Residential Consumers	Attended
Robert Reinmuller	Transmitters	Regrets
Joe Saunders	Distributors	Attended
Vlad Urukov	Market Participant Generators	Attended
Michael Pohlod	Demand Response	Attended
Lukas Deeg	Generators	Attended
Matthew China	Energy Related Businesses and Service	Attended
David Short	IESO	Attended
Michael Lyle	Chair	Attended
Secretariat		

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Trisha Hickson	IESO	Attended

IESO Presenters/Attendees

Presenters:

Laura Zubycck
Paula Lukan

Attendees:

Claudia Dessanti
Amy Eakins
Adam Cumming
Devon Huber
James Hunter
Jonathan Scratch

Agenda Item 1: Introduction and Administration

Trisha Hickson, IESO, welcomed everyone joining the meeting.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Joe Saunders.

The April 15, meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Lukas Deeg.

Introductory Remarks from the Chair:

Michael Lyle, Chair welcomed everyone and noted the following updates for the Technical Panel:

- The IESO Board of Directors approved urgent market rule amendment Corrections to the Day-Ahead Market Balancing Credit and Real-Time Make-Whole Payment on April 25th. The approval was in advance of the launch of the renewed market which commenced on April 30th, and the transition was completed on May 8th.
- The IESO received feedback from external stakeholders that the market renewal transition was smooth, and appreciation was expressed for quick response times in answering questions and responding to the few minor issues that have been encountered to date. The IESO is planning communications in June to share the IESO's perspective on market performance and trends within the first month of launch.

- Mr. Lyle congratulated the IESO MRP team for an amazing job in carrying this through to the end and extended appreciation to the Technical Panel (TP) members who were involved in the major lift to make this a reality.

Agenda Item 2: Engagement Update

Trisha Hickson, IESO provided an update on the prospective schedule which is posted on the Technical Panel webpage. Ms. Hickson identified upcoming sessions as part of the IESO May Engagement Days and encouraged panel members and observers to attend. In addition, Ms. Hickson noted that the IESO will be bringing forward a reminder of the IESO's position on how and when market manuals are brought forward to the technical panel in July.

Agenda Item 3: Capacity Auction Enhancements

Laura Zubyck, IESO provided an overview of the Capacity Auction Enhancements for Technical Panel education. The enhancements include amendments focused on more flexible transfers, increasing the buy-out charge, eliminating forfeiture rules, and changes to the capacity test requirements. Some enhancements originally scheduled for 2025 have been delayed. Ms. Zubyck provided the rationale for these delays and noted the efforts of the IESO in engaging with stakeholders to keep them informed.

The presentation with complete details of the changes is posted on the Technical Panel webpage.

- Vlad Urukov, OPG asked about the reaction of the stakeholder community to the reduced scope of the 2025 amendments.

Ms. Zubyck noted there was some disappointment among stakeholders, particularly around the tie-break methodology. The IESO has taken this feedback and is looking at potential alternative options that would allow the enhancement to be brought forward in 2025 and will continue to engage with stakeholders on this.

- Michael Pohlod, Voltus noted the IESO's efforts in engaging with stakeholders on this matter. Mr. Pohlod indicated that his concern remains that the increasing penalties, with no improvement to the conditions that are causing the buy-outs, isn't likely to change the current results. He added, outages and test timing issues are what are creating buy-outs, from Voltus' perspective. He added that the update to the transfer provisions will mildly increase transfer liquidity ahead of the April 12th deadline each summer. Mr. Pohlod indicated that the IESO would be better served by removing the transfer deadline and allowing "in-period" transfers, as that's going to increase liquidity when the system needs it most. Mr. Pohlod offered an example stating, an outage getting declared by a customer on May 17th when the test is occurring in the next week offers no way of managing that position, and that is causing a buy out. Mr. Pohlod noted that the other aspect causing a buy-out relates to commercial HVAC uncertainty from a Demand Response perspective. There are commercial resources of which HVAC curtailment is either a significant portion or a minor portion and when the test is scheduled on a hot day in early June, those resources can provide great capacity however, when the test is scheduled on May 17th in colder weather conditions that portion of the resource, or those contributors, are unable to

participate. These are those types of items which drive most of the buyouts from Voltus' perspective and remain unaddressed. Mr. Pohlod added that unfortunately the buy-out mechanism is currently the only way to manage those outages as the current outage management process does not address equipment issues. While Voltus is supportive of the noted amendments, Mr. Pohlod believes that the IESO needs to assess the identified issues to address most of the outages.

Ms. Zubyck noted that this feedback has been received through stakeholder engagement and the IESO remains committed to continuing the conversations with participants on the more flexible transfer opportunities, including in-period transfer opportunities. These future enhancement considerations will be discussed later this year.

- Mr. Urukov asked if the market manuals are subject to the same requirement as the market rules of being frozen for a specific auction.

Ms. Zubyck noted that yes, they are subject to the point in time provision, in which they must be in effect by the first day of the auction and then remain in effect for the commitment period.

- Mr. Urukov asked regarding the buy-out charge amendments, if this would discourage certain resources from participating?

Ms. Zubyck noted that the IESO tried to strike a balance with stakeholders on the buy-out piece and bring it to a level that's not overly punitive, that will discourage participation but still encourage a Participant to stop and think about what other options might be available because it is more punitive than it was before. By bringing in more flexibility with the transfer and increasing the buy-out charge slightly, we are trying to strike that balance and keep things at a level that's not overly punitive to discourage participation.

- Mr. Urukov acknowledged this, and Mr. Pohlod added that as a member of the community who provided input on this item, the IESO did a good job of striking a balance between discouraging certain participant behaviour without being overly punitive.

Agenda Item 4: Terms of Reference - Administrative Updates

Paula Lukan, IESO provided an update on proposed amendments to the Technical Panel Terms of Reference. The amendments included a name change to an IESO committee, changing the frequency of joint meetings with the IESO Board of Directors, permitting minor changes to be voted on by the Technical Panel without the need to post for stakeholder comment, and aligning the ToR and Chapter 3, Section 4 of the Market Rules. The [presentation](#) with further information on the proposed changes is posted on the [Technical Panel webpage](#).

- Mr. Urukov asked what qualifies as a minor change. He noted that section 4.7, Chapter 3 of the market rules addresses what the technical panel can do in response to a minor amendment.

Ms. Lukan clarified asking if that market rule reference is regarding minor changes to market rules like market rule amendments to which Mr. Urukov notes, yes. Ms. Lukan continued noting that the IESO is speaking of administrative changes within the ToR itself such as changing the name of a committee. Mr. Urukov acknowledged this and added that it would be helpful for the IESO to clarify this in the language within the ToR. Mr. Lukan acknowledged this request and committed to expanding the language in section 9.1 of the ToR.

On the motion moved by Michael Pohlod, the Technical Panel voted unanimously on the vote to post the Technical Panel Terms of Reference for broader stakeholder input.

Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next regular TP meeting will be held on June 10, 2025.

Action Item Summary

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No actions identified.