

**MAY 13, 2025**

# Agenda Item 4: Proposed Changes to Technical Panel Terms of Reference

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# Purpose and Summary

**Purpose:** Seeking a vote to post the proposed changes for the Technical Panel Terms of Reference (TofR)

## **Executive Summary:**

- The IESO and members of the Technical Panel (TP) have proposed the following changes to the TP TofR:
  1. Administrative updates
  2. Changing the frequency of TP meetings with the IESO Board of Directors
  3. Permitting minor changes to be voted on by the TP without posting for stakeholder comment
  4. Aligning the TofR and Chapter 3, Section 4 of the Market Rules

The IESO proposes completing changes to items 1-3, and to conduct a review to determine whether changes are required to meet item 4. The IESO will return to the July TP with any proposed changes related to item 4.

# Proposed Changes to the Terms of Reference

Section 9.1.2 of the Technical Panel (TP) Terms of Reference (TofR) requires that:

- TP members review and provide input on proposed changes to the TofR
- TP members vote to post proposed changes for stakeholder input
- The IESO post responses to the input, and;
- TP members vote whether they are in favour of the proposed changes
- Proposed changes are then communicated to the IESO Board of Directors for approval

# Proposed Changes to Terms of Reference

## Item 1

- The IESO is proposing to update the name of "Stakeholder Advisory Committee" to the "Strategic Advisory Committee" to reflect the committee's name change made in 2023, and changing all references to "s/he" to "they"

## Item 2

- The IESO is proposing a change to the current prescribed two annual meetings between the Technical Panel (TP) and the IESO Board of Directors or a committee of the Board to prescribe a single annual meeting
- The second annual meeting was added to the ToFR in 2023, following a request in 2021 from TP members for greater transparency and access to the IESO Board, when the TP was reviewing a significant number of market rule amendments in support of Market Renewal

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## Item 3

- The IESO proposes that minor changes be voted on by TP members and not be posted for comment
- The IESO is proposing the change with an addition to Section 9 of the TP ToFR to include a separate path for minor changes to the ToFR , thereby reducing burden on TP members and creating efficiencies within the overall TP review process

## Item 4

- A Technical Panel (TP) member has requested that Chapter 3, section 4 of the market rules be reviewed to ensure alignment with the TP Terms of Reference (ToFR)
- The IESO agrees to conduct a review of both Chapter 3, section 4 and the TP ToFR to ensure that the rights and obligations set out in the market rules align with the ToFR
- The IESO will bring its findings to the July TP. Should the IESO determine that misalignment exists, the IESO will propose changes to TP

## Next Steps

- May 2025 - Feedback from Technical Panel Members and a vote to post the proposed changes to the ToFR for Stakeholder feedback
- June 2025 – Vote to recommend the proposed changes to the ToFR to IESO Board of Directors for approval
- August 2025 - IESO Board approval of changes to ToFR