

1. Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI)

The Ministry has lowered the ICI threshold to 1 MW, as part of a larger suite of electricity rate mitigation measures.

September 2016: Cabinet approved lower the ICI threshold to 1 MW and eliminate sectoral restrictions.

September 2016: Information related to proposed amendments to O.Reg. 429/04 posted to Regulatory Registry (RR).

November 2016: Amendments to O. Reg 429/04 published on elaws.

January 1, 2017: Amendments to O. Reg 429/04 to lower the ICI threshold to 1 MW and eliminate sectoral restrictions took effect.

February 23, 2017: IESO held a webinar for LDCs on the ICI expansion (i.e., lowering ICI threshold to 1 MW).

March 1, 2017: Cabinet approved expansion of the ICI that will be eligible to electricity consumers with peak demands between 500 kW - 1 MW that operate under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31 - 33 (i.e., Manufacturing).

March 2, 2017: Ontario announced expansion of the ICI as part of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

March 9, 2017: Proposal to expand ICI posted on Regulatory Registry with comment period ending April 8, 2017.

March 2017: Agreement ~~was~~ reached (in principle) with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to provide business consumer outreach/education regarding energy programs such as ICI, energy efficiency, etc.

Ministry to work with LSB and IESO on drafting of amendments to O.Reg. 429/04 that would allow eligible electricity consumers to benefit from July 1, 2017 pending approval at LRC on April 10.

April 2017: Final agreement/ Transfer Payment Agreement to be finalized and executed by Communications branch.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters have provided a proposal to the Ministry on ICI outreach to their membership.

1. Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) Requests

June 20, 2016: The Ministry received a request from the Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) for information to evaluate the “market risks” associated with anticipated revenues from Darlington and Bruce refurbishments.

July 15, 2016: IESO hosted FAO at IESO offices to review certain schedules to the ARBPRIA.

July, 21, 2016: Ministry received a request from the FAO for information related to the cost of electricity generation in Ontario.

August 25, 2016: FAO commentary on Home Energy Costs released (Ministry provided feedback on draft FAO commentary).

September 2016: IESO and OPG provided information to FAO for a follow-up request seeking additional analysis on alternatives to refurbishment and price sensitivities for performance and off-ramps.

September 27, 2016: FAO posted second commentary on Home Energy Costs (Ministry provided feedback on draft FAO commentary).

November 8, 2016: FAO met with Ministry staff to provide a status update. FAO has completed its review of information from OPG and IESO on nuclear refurbishments and is now in the process of drafting the report. A final report is expected by early 2017. FAO also indicated it has suspended work for the moment on the cost of electricity generation in order to focus on the refurbishment report.

February / March 2017: FAO updates for Ministry staff to provide timeline for review and release of the final refurbishment report.

March 14, 2017: FAO provided draft report on nuclear refurbishment to Ministry for review and comments related to accuracy and completeness of the various aspects of the report. Ministry staff

March 2017 (TBC): FAO to provide draft report to Ministry for review. Comments due back in approximately 2 weeks of receipt.

April 2017 (TBC): Target date for FAO final report on nuclear refurbishments.

2017 (TBC): FAO to potentially re-engage the Ministry regarding cost of generating technologies.

reviewed and provided comments.

March 28, 2017: ENERGY provided comments to the FAO on its draft report.

March 14, 2017: FAO wrote to the Deputies of ENERGY and MOF requesting documents related to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.