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**Subject:** Weekly update

A bit of a long one this week – feel free to cut out what is not necessary.

- **Cancelled meetings:**

- The Minister's briefing on Northern IRRPs was cancelled due to a last minute conflict with the Minister's schedule; while IESO was there, MO provided feedback on the draft Thunder Bay IRRP. IESO will be incorporating one suggested edit, but not the other. Suggested language from ministry (i.e. *TBGS provides valuable capacity to the system*) is not accurate and will not be included in the IRRP.
- The briefing with the DM and CoS on QC-ON negotiations was cancelled due to a last minute conflict with the CoS' schedule; the material provided was considered sufficient as the update, and a meeting will be rescheduled before the public announcement on December 15.

- **Upcoming MPP meetings:**

- The IESO will be meeting with Barrie MPP Hoggarth to provide an overview of the Barrie/Innisfil IRRP; the meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 24. The IESO has been asked to schedule a meeting with Barrie's mayor as well; IESO's Regional and Community Engagement team is trying to coordinate the meeting with Mayor with the meeting that has already been scheduled with municipal planners (next week).
- The MO is also hoping to schedule a briefing with MPP's Gravelle and Mauro to discuss the Thunder Bay IRRP, and one with MPP Matthews on the London IRRP.

- **Requests related to updated "status quo" forecast (rate mitigation and AG response):**

- Ministry is looking for an update "status quo" forecast to include in their response back to the AG, specifically in response to the 23% rate increase between 2015-2020. The updated forecast would be OPO + LRP/EFW suspension, QC deal, ICI expansion, RRRP, 8% rebate, and proceeds recycling. The updated forecast is requested by end of day; although IESO will provide a revised forecast, it will differ from the request above and will likely not include the QC deal.
- Ministry has also asked for an assessment of several scenarios (cancelling FIT 5, 6 and LRP 1), relative to the status quo forecast. Expected replacement energy requirements and the NPV cost of replacement, as well as impact on GHG emissions are also required. According to the ministry, they are looking at rate mitigation options and information provided by the IESO will be used for decision making purposes and will likely be shared with PO.

- **Potential microFIT issue:**

- The microFIT tool is currently experiencing some issues and MR&D is not confident that applications in the queue by the end of 2016 will be transferred over successfully in the new year. IT testing for this process (transferring from one version of microFIT to the next and applying the new price schedule) typically takes 3-4 weeks, according to MR&D. To date, no start date for this testing has been provided by IT.
- Transferring applications at the end of the year is a bit of a high-profile issue already, as stakeholders grow increasingly concerned with the high number of applications still in the queue. M&RD suggested that the program may be suspended in the new year if testing is not completed before then.

If you have any questions, let me know.

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