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IESO Bulletin

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IESO Announces Date for 2017 Stakeholder Summit

The IESO is pleased to announce that it will hold a Stakeholder Summit on June 12, 2017, at the Beanfield Centre in Toronto.

Ontario's electricity system is undergoing a transformation in the way that electricity is generated, procured and consumed. The role of distributed energy networks and decarbonization will have impacts on how the system is operated in real time and planned for in the longer term. This full-day summit will bring together industry experts from across North America to get perspectives on how other jurisdictions are approaching their own shifting energy landscapes, as well as to explore the future direction of Ontario's electricity system.

In conjunction with the stakeholder summit, the IESO will host a series of regional forums throughout Ontario to facilitate dialogues on province-wide, regional and local energy issues. These sessions will take place in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, London and Ottawa in Fall 2017. Dates and details will be provided as they are confirmed.

2017 Stakeholder Summit Important Details:

- Date: June 12, 2017
- Location: Beanfield Centre, Toronto, Ontario
- Summit Registration opens Monday, April 24.

Stay up to date on the latest news on the Summit and regional forums, including speaker and program information, by visiting:

- www.ieso.ca/summit
- @ieso_Tweets
- IESO on LinkedIn

Engagement

Save the date: May 10 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting

Registration is now open for the May 10 Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting. The meeting will take place in the morning and you can register by emailing engagement@ieso.ca.

SAC meetings provide a forum for its members and other participants to be informed of IESO activities and to provide timely advice and feedback on important matters concerning Ontario's electricity sector. See the SAC Meetings and Materials webpage for more information.

Reminder: Conservation Framework Mid-Term Review Webinar

The IESO is inviting all interested parties to participate in the first public webinar of the Conservation Framework: Mid-Term Review engagement initiative held on April 18 at 10:00 am. This meeting will seek input from all attendees on the draft topic report on customer and market engagement and satisfaction and provide an update on the Mid-Term Review Advisory Group discussions to develop a project work plan which sets out the framework and elements of the Mid-Term Review initiative.

To register for the April 18 webinar visit: www.meetview.com/ieso20170418. Please visit the Mid-Term Review engagement webpage for more information.

Reminder: IESO Spring Training Courses

The IESO is hosting an Introduction to Ontario Physical Markets course on May 18 and a Settlements/Commercial Reconciliation course on May 19.

The Introduction course is targeted towards people new to Ontario's electricity market and teaches the basics of how to participate and how the market works. The Settlements course is focused on everything market participants will need to understand and reconcile settlement statements and invoices. More details on both of these opportunities can be found on the Instructor Led Courses webpage.

To register for these courses, please email marketplacetraining@ieso.ca

Program Updates

Industrial Conservation Initiative updates

As communicated in the Government of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, the government will further expand customer eligibility for participation in the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI). Effective July 1, 2017, the ICI will include consumers/market participants in the manufacturing sector (with NAICS codes commencing with the digits "31", "32", "33") in Ontario with an average monthly peak demand of greater than 500 kW and less than 1 MW.

The IESO will update the ICI resources accordingly once Reg. 429/04 has been amended.

The Frequently Asked Questions document which is posted on the IESO's Global Adjustment Class A Eligibility page has been updated to include questions and answers from the Industrial Conservation Initiative Overview webinar that was held for LDCs on February 23.

Market and System Operations

IESO Board approves market rule amendments

The IESO Board has approved three market rule amendments on April 12, 2017. They include changes to Real-Time Generation Cost Guarantee, Minor Amendment Omnibus 2017 and Prudential Support Obligations.

Real-Time Generation Cost Guarantee - Cost Recovery Framework (MR-00425)

These amendments enable a new cost recovery framework for the real-time generation cost guarantee program. These changes are expected to increase the transparency of costs eligible to be submitted by market participants for recovery under the program, as well as reduce the scope and frequency of audits. The amendments also clarify the planned maintenance costs that are eligible for recovery under the program.

The effective date of this amendment will be as early as June 7, 2017, and will be communicated to market participants. Specific details on how the rules have been changed can be found in the Board approved Market Rule Amendment Proposal document.

Prudential Support Obligations - Revisions to Reductions in Demand Response Prudential Support Obligations, Interest Payments on Cash Deposits (MR-00430)

The 2016 Prudential Review engagement initiative recommended two changes to the market rules. The first will provide greater demand response (DR) prudential reductions to distributors for credit ratings and good payment history. The second will eliminate the requirement that the IESO pay interest on cash deposits provided as prudential support. These market rule changes will also update existing cross-references and provide true-ups related to affiliate guarantees and credit ratings.

The effective date of this amendment will be May 5, 2017.The specific details of the changes can be found in the Market Rule Amendment Proposal document.

Minor Amendment Omnibus 2017 (MR-00429)

These amendments correct cross-references, remove redundancy and clarify procedures related to the de-registration of registered facilities. The approved changes also involve a number of minor amendments within several areas of the market rules.

The effective date of these amendments will be May 5, 2017. Specific details on how the rules have been changed can be found in the Board approved Market Rule Amendment Proposal document.

These market rule amendments, as well as previous ones, can be found on the Proposed Market Rule Amendments webpage.

Planned IT Outages

The IESO's Planned IT System Outages web page provides an easy way to view all planned outages. The page is updated frequently and planned outages are posted as soon as they are finalized.

Upcoming Events

- April 18: Conservation Framework: Mid-Term Review webinar
- April 19: Ottawa Local Advisory Committee meeting (Ottawa)
- April 25: York Local Advisory Committee meeting (TBD)
- May 3: IESO Market Operations Spring 2017 Awareness session (Mississauga)

- May 10: IESO Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting (Toronto)

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