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Change to Hourly Nodal Pricing Report

The IESO will be making a change to the Hourly Nodal Pricing Report on Wednesday July 19 to publish a new representative shadow price for the west zone. The Hourly Nodal Pricing Report is not used for market settlements, but provides a representative indication of the relative cost of generation in each of Ontario's electrical zones based on transmission limitations and system conditions relative to generation and load.

This report is updated weekly, and is found in the historical reports section of the [Data Directory](#) webpage. The IESO publishes all Ontario shadow prices [here](#).

Market document changes available for review in Baseline 38.0 including e-Tag Submission Deadline change

The Interchange Enhancements project will implement the e-Tag Submission Deadline change from T-30 to T-32 with a target implementation date of September 13, 2017, for Baseline 38.0. The proposal to advance the e-Tag Submission Deadline by 2 minutes was determined through an IESO stakeholder engagement which commenced in late 2016. The [Interchange Enhancements engagement page](#) contains more information on the work completed to date.

To accommodate the change, Market Manual 4: Market Operations, Part 4.2 Submission of Dispatch Data in the Real Time Energy and Operating Reserve Markets has been updated to reflect the deadline change. Comments on this manual may be sent to pending.changes@ieso.ca by August 4. Market Manual 4: Market Operations, Part 4.3 Real Time Scheduling of the Physical Markets will also be updated to reflect the deadline change and will be posted in early August for market participant review.

The Interchange Enhancements project will follow a staggered implementation approach for the other proposed changes, i.e. Introduction of a new e-Tag ID Mandatory Window and Automatic alignment of IESO schedules and e-Tags. These changes are scheduled to take effect in March 2018. The [stakeholder presentation](#) from April 2017 provides more detail on the implementation plan and this specific change. The IESO would like to thank all the stakeholders who participated in this engagement process and welcomes any other questions or comments to be directed to engagement@ieso.ca

In addition, a number of IESO Market Manuals and forms are available for review in this baseline on the [Pending Changes – Document webpage](#). The IESO expects other IESO Market Manuals changes will be made available in the coming weeks for review in Baseline 38.0. Comments on these documents may be sent to pending.changes@ieso.ca by August 4. The current Baseline Plan is available [here](#).

Revised Target Release Plan for changes to IESO IT systems

A revision has been made to the Target Release Plan. The updated plan is posted for review under Release R38.0 on the [IT Release Schedule](#).

One new item has been added to the plan. A necessary software upgrade will result in cosmetic changes for participants logging in to the IESO Report Site to retrieve confidential reports. There will be no changes affecting participants using automated RESTful webAPI and SFTP to retrieve their confidential reports.

The rest of the plan remains the same: New and modified Online Settlement Forms will be released on July 28 to allow impacted LDCs to submit settlement claims to reflect changes made for the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan. In addition, the previously communicated changes to the Real Time Generation Cost Guarantee (RT-GCG) Online Settlement Form will be made.

This plan also contains a number of enhancements for users of the Outage Coordination and Scheduling System (OCSS) and the Market Information Management (MIM) IDK will be removed from service on September 13, 2017.

Comments and feedback on this release plan can be sent to pending.changes@ieso.ca

Ontario Fair Hydro Plan charge type replacement

Please note that charge type 142, Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Settlement Amount, has been replaced with charge type 1142, Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Eligible RPP Consumer Discount Settlement Amount. This change is effective on the June 30, 2017 Preliminary Settlement Statements (PSS) and the June 2017 invoices, which will both be issued on Monday, July 17, 2017.

For Local Distribution Companies (LDCs), the settlement will depend on the values submitted via on-line settlement forms “Regulated Price Plan vs. Market Price – Variance for Conventional Meters”, “Regulated Price Plan vs. Market Price – Variance for Smart Meters” and “Regulated Price Plan – Final Variance Settlement Amount”.

For eligible IESO market participants, the settlement of the new charge type 1142 replaces charge type 142. For the June 30, 2017 PSS, the settlement will be based on the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) – adjusted RPP rates posted by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 20. For the period of July 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, the settlement will use the OFHP-adjusted RPP rates posted by the OEB on June 22.

The applicable tax for charge type 1142 is 13%.

Program Update

2017 is the last year IESO will accept MicroFIT applications

Applications for the microFIT program will be accepted up to and including Thursday, December 28, 2017, or until the 50 MW procurement target is reached as per the direction issued by the Minister of Energy on April 5, 2016.

As of July 7, 2017, 28 MW remained in the 2017 procurement target. Updates on the amount of capacity remaining in the 2017 Annual Procurement Target can be found in the microFIT bi-weekly reports. For information regarding the microFIT Program, please continue to monitor the microFIT webpage and subscribe for microFIT updates via email.

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

- July 18: [Demand Response Work Group Webinar](#)
 - July 19: [Toronto Local Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (postponed)
 - July 20: [Market Renewal – Incremental Capacity Auction Meeting](#) (Toronto)
 - July 27: [Market Renewal – Single Schedule Market Meeting](#) (Toronto)
 - August 16: [Market Renewal – Incremental Capacity Auction Meeting](#) (Toronto)
 - August 17: [Market Renewal – Single Schedule Market Meeting](#) (Toronto)
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