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Powering Tomorrow – IESO's online innovation hub

The IESO has launched *Powering Tomorrow*, a new section on its website devoted to innovation in Ontario's electricity sector.

The electricity sector is in the midst of change. Consumers and communities are playing a larger role than ever before through the convergence of rapid advancements in technology, climate change policies, intelligent metering and evolving conservation and demand management opportunities.

Powering Tomorrow looks at how Ontario's electricity sector is innovating and showcases what the IESO and others are doing to both enable it as well as to prepare for and respond to future advancements. It focuses on four core themes: *technology, research, efficiency, and data*.

To launch the new section, the IESO has produced a [video](#) in which CEO Peter Gregg and Terry Young, Vice-President of Policy, Innovation and Engagement, address some of the major drivers of change in the sector and the work the IESO is doing to enable innovation.

Learn more at [Powering Tomorrow](#)

Engagement

Reminder: Feedback on the IESO Implementation Plan for the 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan due December 13

The IESO is developing an Implementation Plan to deliver specific initiatives in the Long Term Energy Plan. A webinar was held on November 22 where the scope of the engagement initiative and areas to provide feedback were presented. The materials from the webinar, including a recorded presentation, are posted to the engagement [webpage](#)

The IESO is looking for feedback that can be submitted to engagement@ieso.ca until December 13 on the following:

- The overall approach to its Implementation Plan (e.g., is an adequate and efficient scope of activities proposed to meet the implementation plan directive?)
- The proposed timeline to respond to the directive initiatives
- Additional materials posted on amended directives

The Implementation Plan is due to the Minister of Energy by January 31, 2018.

For more information, please visit the Implementation Plan engagement [webpage](#) or email engagement@ieso.ca.

Input invited on Indigenous Conservation Programming Report

The IESO is seeking input on the development of a draft Report intended to provide options to improve future conservation programming for First Nations communities and Métis in Ontario.

A webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 10:00 am to present an overview of the input received from First Nations communities over the fall and how that input will inform the draft report as well as proposed recommendations to improve future program offerings.

This webinar will provide all interested parties with an opportunity to offer input for consideration into the development of the Indigenous Conservation Programming Report. Interested parties must register to participate in the December 19 webinar.

The Report is being developed in response to one of the Implementation Directives following the release of the Minister of Energy's Long Term Energy Plan and is intended to inform the Conservation Framework Mid-Term Review in early 2018.

All interested parties are invited to participate in this engagement initiative.

For more information, visit the Indigenous Conservation Programming Report engagement webpage or email engagement@ieso.ca.

Market Renewal

Single Schedule Market Meeting: December 11

Please be reminded that the next stakeholder meeting for the Single Schedule Market (SSM) engagement will take place on December 11. The materials and agenda have been posted on the SSM engagement webpage. Stakeholders interested in participating in this engagement, either in person or remotely, can contact engagement@ieso.ca for further details and to register.

Market and System Operations

Baseline 38.1 now published

Baseline 38.1 has been published. The changes in this baseline were communicated through the plan and review process, and feature amendments to the market rules as well as revisions to manuals and supporting documents. These are available on the Market Rules and Manuals Library and Technical Interfaces web pages, respectively. Documents have been updated to include the settlement of the new programs under the Fair Hydro Act, 2017.

Three documents (*Charge Types and Equations*, *Market Manual 5.5 - Physical Markets Settlement Statements* and *Format Specifications for Settlement Statement Files and Data Files*) have been updated to include the settlement of the new programs under the Fair Hydro Act, 2017. The *HST Guide for IESO Transactions* will be published in the near future.

All document changes can be found in the Guide to Documents Published in Baseline 38.1. The baseline is a formal process to revise Market Manuals and related documents that result from recently approved market rule amendments or technical system changes.

The IESO thanks all stakeholders who provided feedback into the Baseline process.

Pre-implementation review as part of Market Information System refresh project completed

As part of the Market Information System (MIS) refresh project, the IESO engaged an independent consultant to perform a pre-implementation review to verify compliance with the market rules.

This comprised a review of the day-ahead calculation engine and the real-time algorithm used in the Ontario electricity market.

The result of these reviews concludes that there are no reportable findings that may impact the IESO's ability to comply with our market rule obligations. The full reports are available on the [Public Information Sessions](#) webpage.

Program Update

microFIT Program Application Window Closed

The microFIT Program reached its 50 MW annual procurement target for 2017 on December 1. As a result, the IESO has officially closed the application window for the microFIT Program and will not be accepting any further applications.

Applications that were submitted on or before December 1, 2017, will only be reviewed if capacity becomes available by December 29, 2017. Applications that have been set to Pending LDC Offer to Connect status by December 29, 2017, will continue to be processed in accordance with the microFIT Rules. Applications that have not been set to Pending LDC Offer to Connect status by that date will be terminated.

Per the direction issued by the Minister of Energy on [April 5, 2016](#), the IESO is required to stop accepting applications under the microFIT Program by December 31, 2017, and the direction set the Annual Procurement Target at 50 MW.

The IESO thanks everyone for their interest and participation in the microFIT Program. Since it began in 2009, more than 26,000 contracts have been awarded to microFIT participants, representing over 230 MW of renewable energy. Those interested in small-scale renewable generation may consider contacting their local distribution company to determine if there are any net metering opportunities in their area.

More information is [available here](#).

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

- December 11: [Single Schedule Market meeting \(Mississauga\)](#)
- December 11: [GTA and Central Ontario Regional Electricity Forum \(Vaughan\)](#)
- December 13: [IESO Outage Approval Criteria \(Webinar\)](#)
- December 13: [Development of IESO Implementation Plan for 2017 LTEP](#) feedback due
- December 19: [Indigenous Conservation Programming Report \(Webinar\)](#)

For questions, comments and suggestions related to this bulletin contact IESO Customer Relations:
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