

Energy Transformation Network of Ontario

(formerly, Ontario Smart Grid Forum)

Agenda Item # 5

Draft Survey questions for June 11th Electricity Summit

Today's Objective:

Prioritize the most important 3-4 questions to be posed to each of the panels.

Panel: Transforming the Energy Network - Potential polling questions:

- 1) Utilities should directly compete with third party providers of new value-added services:
 - a. Never
 - b. Always
 - c. Only where such competition is regulated and fair
 - d. Only in market segments that are under-served by third parties
 - e. Only where additional value is created for the consumer
- 2) Please rate your agreement with the following statements on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. Utilities should or provide new platforms and procurement mechanisms to enable third-party services.
 - b. When a regulated utility incurs costs to offer new value-added services, all customers should pay, regardless if they participate in these offerings.
- 3) Please rate your agreement with the following statement on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. Enough is being done to prepare Ontario's electricity system for large-scale DER deployment.
- 4) Please rate your agreement with the following statement on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. Today's electricity industry framework already appropriately values DER services in order to harness their potential benefits.
- 5) Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. LDCs should be principal **buyers** of DER-related services provided to the distribution system.
 - b. LDCs should be principal **sellers** of DER-related services provided to the distribution system.

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- c. LDCs should become independent distribution system operators with no financial stake in DER-related services.
- d. LDCs should continue to be network operators and participate in a distribution-level DER market with a properly regulated separation of functions.

Panel: Responding to Consumer Drivers - Potential polling questions

- 1) What are the likely best mechanisms for harnessing DER-related benefits to the electricity system stemming from consumer investment?
 - a. Regulated DER rates
 - b. LDC-organized procurement mechanisms
 - c. Distribution-level market platforms
 - d. Microgrids and community-level energy solutions
 - e. Peer-to-Peer energy trading
 - f. Aggregated participation in wholesale markets
- 2) Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. DER policy should attempt to ALTER customer DER investment patterns.
 - b. DER policy should attempt to FOLLOW customer DER investment patterns.
- 3) Please rate your agreement with the following statement on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. When a regulated utility provides value added services beyond basic electricity service regulators should attribute and charge the costs of value-added services to those who want and use them.
- 4) Please rate your agreement with the following statement on scale of 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree):
 - a. To ensure consumer protection regulators must have oversight over third-party DER service providers to ensure that they comply with applicable regulations, reliability standards, data privacy and cyber-security.