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## IESO Bulletin

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### Corporate News

#### Ontario-Québec Interconnection Capability: A Technical Review

This week the IESO published a report, [Ontario-Québec Interconnection Capability: A Technical Review](#), developed in response to a request from the Deputy Minister of Energy for an updated review of Ontario's interconnection capability with Québec. Building on the 2014 report, [The Review of Ontario Interties](#), and using updated modeling and analysis, the technical review presents several cases in which expanding the eastern Ontario transmission system could enable Ontario to maximize the firm import capability of the existing tie-lines. Notably, the report identifies relatively modest

Ottawa-area improvements to the Ontario system that would facilitate competitive market-based Quebec trade.

While the report was prepared in order to address intertie capabilities, this is only one of several factors in determining whether further energy or capacity transactions would provide value for Ontario consumers. The scope for this report did not include analysis of any commercial aspects.

The IESO is also enhancing Ontario's electricity markets through the Market Renewal program. A more dynamic market will increase opportunities for trading energy, ancillary services and capacity. Through the Market Renewal program, the IESO is looking at ways to add flexibility to the system by finding new ways to fully utilize the operational flexibility that exists in current assets and through Ontario's interties. Operability is one of the three main workstreams of the Market Renewal program.

### **2017 Stakeholder Summit update**

The 2017 Stakeholder Summit will draw upon the perspectives of North American industry leaders on emerging energy policies and what it might mean for the future of Ontario's electricity system. The program will include a combination of presentations and panel discussions surrounding two key themes, examining the trend to a cleaner grid, and examining the expanded grid with distributed energy.

The Stakeholder Summit web page has now been updated to include more details on the program and list some of the confirmed speakers: [www.ieso.ca/summit](http://www.ieso.ca/summit)

Registration is available for the June 12 Stakeholder Summit at the Beanfield Centre in Toronto by clicking [here](#).

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](http://www.ieso.ca/summit)
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### **Engagement**

#### **Incremental Capacity Auction meeting reminder**

As a reminder, the first Incremental Capacity Auction (ICA) engagement meeting will take place on May 18 at the Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport. Developing an ICA is a key element of the IESO's Market Renewal Program (MRP). Materials are now available on the Market Renewal - Incremental Capacity Auction webpage. Stakeholders interested in participating in this meeting can contact [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) for further details and to register.

#### **Reminder: Call for nominations to the Data Strategy Advisory Council**

This is a reminder inviting all interested parties to submit a nomination for membership to a new Data Strategy Advisory Council. This Advisory Council has been designed to provide advice to the IESO's Smart Metering Entity's (SME) for the development of an implementation plan to provide third party access to the meter data available in the province's Meter Data Management/Repository (MDM/R). For more information visit the [Data Strategy Advisory Council webpage](#).

The Data Strategy Advisory Council will consist of 12 to 15 members with representation within the following five categories:

- electricity consumers (representing a mix of sectors)
- local distribution companies (representing different size utilities and different regions);
- consultants, academia representatives, service providers/delivery agents
- municipality representatives
- IESO Chair (plus staff support and any appointed presenters)

The Advisory Group may also include a limited number of observers with representation from natural gas utilities, industry/customer associations, Ontario Energy Board and/or Ministry of Energy.

Interested parties are invited to submit the following comments and/or applications by email to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by May 15:

- request to be considered as a member of the Data Strategy Advisory Council along with a biography and an outline of how qualifications can contribute to the Advisory Council objectives as outlined in the proposed Terms of Reference
- request to be considered as a registered observer for Advisory Council meetings, and
- any feedback on draft [Terms of Reference](#) for the Data Strategy Advisory Council

### **Reminder: Call for nominations to the Technical Panel**

This is a reminder the IESO Board of Directors is calling for nominations of qualified individuals to join the Technical Panel. The Technical Panel is a body of Ontario stakeholders formed to consider amendments to the Market Rules and, as requested, to provide advice to the IESO Board on technical issues relating to the operation of the IESO-administered markets.

The IESO is seeking a Transmitter representative on the Panel. The deadline to submit a nomination is May 19, 2017. For further details on the scope of responsibilities and how to submit a nomination, please see the [previous communication](#) for this notice as well as the [Technical Panel](#) webpage.

## **Market and System Operations**

### **Updated Final Release Plan for changes to IESO IT systems**

The Final Release Plan has been updated to include additional changes to the IESO Online Settlement Forms, related to the proposed Ontario Fair Hydro Plan. The planned release date for

changes to the Real-Time Generation Cost Guarantee (RT-GCG) form has also been revised to late July 2017.

The revised Final plan is posted on the [IT Release Schedule webpage](#).

Comments and feedback can be sent to [pending.changes@ieso.ca](mailto:pending.changes@ieso.ca)

## **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**

May 18: [Market Renewal – Incremental Capacity Auction Engagement](#) (Toronto)

May 30: [Demand Response Working Group meeting](#) (Toronto)

June 7: [Barrie / Innisfil Local Advisory Committee meeting](#)

June 12: [2017 Stakeholder Summit](#) (Toronto)

June 19: [Parry Sound/Muskoka Local Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

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