

Strategic Planning Process: Environmental Scan

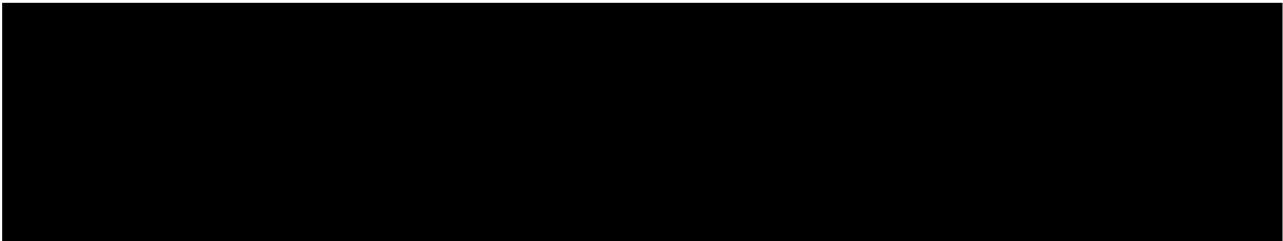
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Objective

To provide an understanding of the IESO's current relationship with government, considerations for the next five years and why this relationship is important to achieving the IESO's strategic objectives.



What to expect from the government in the short-term



The current government has built its electricity sector brand around renewable energy, conservation, and shutting down coal, but is now in the process of pivoting in a new direction in response to concerns around price. Consider as examples the recent steps around the cancellation of Large Renewable Procurement II, and the eight percent HST rebate. The Premier has also committed to further rate mitigation efforts in the short term. This is part of a trend that will likely shift policy focus away from longer term electricity considerations to shorter term "retail politics".

