

IESO SENIOR MANAGEMENT UPDATE

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Date: August 14, 2013

Subject: Upcoming Stakeholder Consultations

Long Term Energy Plan and Regional Planning & Siting Update
- Information Item

Regional Planning and Siting of Large Energy Infrastructure:

After carefully considering the feedback from more than 1,250 Ontarians, the IESO and OPA submitted recommendations to the Minister of Energy that will:

- Strengthen processes for early and sustained engagement with local governments and the public;
- Provide local governments and communities with greater voice and responsibility in planning and siting; and
- Support inter-ministerial coordination.

The following core recommendations reflect what was heard most consistently among stakeholders across Ontario as well as observations about how Ontario can improve integrated regional planning. Stakeholders also noted that while many parts of the planning and siting process are working well, there are areas that warrant important improvements. The recommendations in the report to the Minister are designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Bring communities to the table;
- Link local and provincial planning;
- Reinforce the planning/siting continuum; and
- Enhance electricity awareness and improve access to information.

Inherent in the recommendations is the recognition that social, environmental, health and economic factors are priorities, and can influence planning and siting decisions.

The final report entitled, Engaging Local Communities in Ontario's Electricity Planning Continuum, including a feedback summary of more than 40 face-to-face meetings, and more than 60 written submissions can be found at this website: <http://www.onregional-planning-and-siting-dialogue.ca/>.



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Review of the Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP):

On July 10 the Ministry of Energy launched a review of Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan, including eight regional meetings with the public and industry stakeholders. This included the release of a consultation document entitled, *Making Choices: Reviewing Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan*.

The IESO has sent representatives to all public and stakeholder meetings and continues to participate in discussions with the Ministry of Energy and OPA on the updated LTEP. Public engagement sessions will continue throughout August, while written comments can be submitted for consideration until September 9, 2013.

In conjunction with the LTEP review, the Ministry has also initiated a consultation which looks at how best to achieve a new conservation and demand management framework, and released a discussion guide entitled, *Conservation First: A Renewed Vision for Energy Conservation in Ontario*. Meetings to consult with local distribution companies and other industry stakeholders on the new framework have been scheduled in parallel to those for the LTEP.

For more information on the review of the Long Term Energy Plan, the new Conservation and Demand Management Framework, and other engagement activities, please visit: <http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/consultations-and-engagement/>