

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Highlights

Stakeholders have provided a list of priorities to be addressed in the IESO's 2013 business planning process, through their Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) representatives. Some of the key priorities include:

- Improve price signals
- Reduce barriers for increased participation in electricity market
- Enhanced education and awareness
- Future direction of the electricity market
- Improve trade activities with other jurisdictions

The IESO will present initiatives to be incorporated in its business plan in response to stakeholder priorities at the August SAC meeting and will seek feedback from the Committee members on how their priorities are being addressed.

The [Summary of 2013 IESO Strategy Discussion with Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#) will provide a more detailed list of stakeholder priorities and the IESO initiatives proposed in response to those priorities.

The IESO Board of Directors and Management rely on the members of the SAC to provide advice and recommendations on market development and planning decisions, or any other matter that may be of concern to stakeholders.

A summary of discussions of the Committee are posted on the [SAC Meetings and Materials](#) web page.

Visit the Stakeholder Advisory Committee web page at http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/consult/stakeholder_ac.asp

New Appointments Stakeholder Advisory Committee



Ersilia Serafini
Vice Chair - NEW
Electricity Service
Provider Representative



Ted Leonard
IESO Representative



Paul Shervill
Electricity Service
Provider Representative

For member biographies and a full Committee Member listing visit http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/consult/stakeholder_ac_members.asp

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The Stakeholder Engagement section of the IESO website details all [Active](#) Stakeholder Engagement Plans as well as [Completed](#) Stakeholder Engagement Initiatives.

The [Engagement Calendar](#) is a source for all upcoming stakeholder events and due dates.

Active Stakeholder Consultations

[Renewable Integration \(SE-91\)](#)

The Renewable Integration stakeholder engagement is moving into implementation throughout the second and third quarters of 2013. The IESO hosted a recent stakeholder meeting to discuss the experience so far with the accuracy of centralized forecasting, and to provide some insights into the coming market manual and report changes that stakeholders will see in advance of dispatch for variable generators. The IESO is working closely with customers to identify training opportunities to ensure customers are prepared and ready for the implementation of dispatch, and this work will continue throughout the summer as market trials and sandbox testing gets underway.

A focus group has also been established under the Renewable Integration initiative to support the implementation of floor prices for variable and nuclear generation. A discussion paper was recently presented to stakeholders to provide a review of the floor price placed on offers for flexible nuclear generation and to provide the IESO's recommendation for the floor prices for variable generation. After comments received from stakeholders the IESO will make a recommendation to the IESO Board of Directors to approve floor prices for variable generation that are expected to be implemented on September 11, 2013. For further details visit the [SE-91 webpage](#).

[Market Information Focus Group \(SE-97\)](#)

The Market Information Focus Group convened during the second quarter to discuss progress, the prioritized ranking of suggested changes from customers, and also to provide stakeholders insights into future IESO changes. Information was sought from the group on implementing a Demand Response 3 notification system that went live in July. The group was also asked for feedback on the proposed changes to the IESO website. For further details visit the [SE-97 webpage](#).

[Hourly Ontario Energy Price Review \(SE-105\)](#)

The Hourly Ontario Energy Price (HOEP) Review stakeholder engagement has wrapped up with a recently published final report – [Review of the Efficiency of the Hourly Ontario Energy Price](#). The report suggests potential reforms to areas of market design to improve the price signal, including reviewing guarantee programs, intertie scheduling and the two-schedule system. The findings will support future stakeholder engagement efforts on market development in these areas. For further details visit the [SE-105 webpage](#).

[Global Adjustment Review \(SE 106\)](#)

The Global Adjustment (GA) Review has garnered considerable interest and participation from a wide range of stakeholders. An expanded quantitative analysis to support the findings in the GA review was released inviting comments by stakeholders. A final report, along with IESO commentary on the analysis, is expected to be published this fall. For further details visit the [SE-106 webpage](#).

[Prudential Review – 2013 \(SE-107\)](#)

The IESO has been working with a diverse group of stakeholders to review the prudential framework used to manage credit risk in Ontario's real-time electricity market. The goal of the review is to determine if the current framework provides reasonable mechanisms to manage and deal with credit risk. Considerations have included the appropriateness of the assessed balance between the cost of collateral and the risk of default levies, other appropriate forms of collateral, and possible modifications to the existing level of reductions for credit rating and good payment history. Draft research results were posted in late June and a final report is expected in August. For further details visit the [SE-107 webpage](#).

[Online Registration Working Group \(SE-108\)](#)

During the development of its online Registration System, the IESO has formed a working group to advise on and test the system. The group is currently meeting monthly, via webinar. The new application will be released in stages, gradually replacing paper-based registration processes and giving participants online access to registration data. The first release of the system is planned for this fall. For further details visit the [SE-108 webpage](#).

[SE-109: Outage Management Process Redesign](#)

Stakeholders have been well engaged in a redesign of the IESO's Outage Management Process. In response to feedback from stakeholders on their current outage practices, the IESO has been working with stakeholders to ensure that the redesigned Outage Management Process provides improvements and efficiencies in maintenance planning efforts for the IESO and market participants as well as improvements in outage coordination among all customers and longer term certainty on outage requests. With the redesigned process nearing completion, the next steps of the stakeholder engagement working group is to develop an interim process to begin in Q1 2014 that would also serve as a transition mechanism between the existing and final processes. For further details visit the [SE-109 webpage](#).

[Transmission Rights Market Review \(SE-110\)](#)

The IESO invited stakeholders to provide input into the scope of analysis to be used in the first Phase of a Transmission Rights Market review. Based on that analysis, a report was presented to stakeholders consisting of a review the stabilization design and confidence level of the Transmission Rights Market account. The Report indicated that the confidence level changes implemented in 2004 did not materially achieve the expected benefits and further noted that there was little or no correlation between the increase in transmission rights (TR) availability and competition, energy trade or participation/ownership in the TR market. Stakeholders were invited to provide comments on the results of the analysis at a stakeholder meeting in late August. The next step in this stakeholder engagement is to move to a second Phase which will initiate a comprehensive review of the basic design of the TR market. For further details visit the [SE-110 webpage](#).

[Review of Generation Guarantee Programs \(SE-111\)](#)

The purpose of this stakeholder engagement is to review the effectiveness and interaction among the various guarantee programs at the IESO from a cost as well as an operational effectiveness and economic efficiency perspective. A first stakeholder meeting was recently held to review the issues to be addressed in this engagement and the IESO's proposed analysis to be used in the review. The IESO will incorporate

stakeholder feedback into the analysis to be used in the review and make recommendations to the current generation cost guarantee programs. The next phase of this stakeholder engagement will consider the Market Rule and Manual changes based on any changes to the programs followed by training and implementation, if necessary. For further details visit the [SE-111 webpage](#).

General Conduct Rule (SE-112)

The IESO recently launched a stakeholder engagement initiative to develop a general conduct rule that promotes market participant conduct consistent with the objectives of the market Rules and the purposes of the *Electricity Act, 1998*. The IESO provided stakeholders with a Position Paper “Development of a General Conduct Rule for the IESO-Administered Markets” outlining the purpose and need of such a rule. The objective of this stakeholder engagement is to seek input into the development of the framework of a general conduct rule followed by stakeholder comment on the language of the rule through the IESO Market Rule Amendment Process. For further information visit the [SE-112 webpage](#)

Future Consultations

Revenue Metering Replacement Project

The IESO is expected to launch a consultation regarding the IESO’s Revenue Metering Replacement Project in Q3 2013. The consultation will seek input from stakeholders to assist the IESO in identifying issues and opportunities for the new Revenue Metering System, as well as areas for business process improvement. Stakeholders will be invited to participate in the consultation process through the IESO Weekly Bulletin in the coming months.

Two-Schedule System Review

The IESO will be launching a stakeholder engagement in Q3 2013 to review the IESO’s two-schedule settlement system. The consultancy *Market Reform* has been engaged by the IESO to explore high level design changes to the “two-schedule price setting system” which will satisfy the objective of providing an efficient dispatch and pricing process that produces transparent prices. This review is being conducted in response to a recommendation in the [Electricity Market Forum Report](#) to review the two-schedule system.

Dispatch Scheduling on the Interties

In response to a recommendation from the Electricity Market Forum, the IESO is conducting a review of the scheduling of intertie transactions in Ontario. The review is a study to examine the potential benefits of increasing intertie scheduling frequency.

For more information about Stakeholder Engagement at the IESO email stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca

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