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To Members of the FOMS Working Group

In the e-mail sent out on March 13th to the Facility Outage Management (FOMS) working group, the IESO indicated that there was a shift in implementation of (FOMS) to fourth quarter 2007. Attached below on page 2 is an update on the status of FOMS. The update indicates that there has been a further delay to the project.

We will continue to communicate status updates to this working group when information becomes available.

Any questions or comments can be sent to stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca

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Outage Management Project Status (SE-27)



We commenced developing requirements for this project last October alongside ISO-NE and with Fujitsu Consulting who had been contracted for the development.

Development of the requirements progressed slowly and was completed following some joint workshops in February. The results required some re-estimation of the project due both to discovery on Fujitsu's part and increases in scope. Fujitsu then started developing the systems and technical design documentation.

In May, Fujitsu advised ISO-NE and ourselves that the design work was revealing further potential for increasing costs and schedule and that they were not confident that even then they could guarantee that further discovery by them would not occur downstream with subsequent impact on schedule and cost. The parties agreed that this was not a suitable basis for continuing and stopped the work at that point.

ISO-NE and ourselves are both investigating the best way to deliver this system and are in active discussions with vendors using the requirements developed. We will make a determination as to whether to proceed on a joint or individual basis once those discussions have progressed further. Despite the fact that our early assessment was that the ISOs' outage processes seem similar enough to expect synergies from the collaboration, part of this work will be to stand back and ask whether the combined organizations requirements are adding complexities that outweigh the benefits.

Overall the project will suffer a significant delay as a result.

We recognize that our customers were looking forward to benefits from the replacement system and will be frustrated by an extended delay. In an effort to help mitigate the impact, we will assess some interim improvements to the existing system and keep customers abreast of any plans in this regard.

The IESO is committed to providing a new outage management tool to address the functionality required by our customers. We will communicate a new date for the implementation of this system as soon as it is known.