

Stakeholder Engagement Plan SE-51

Temporary No-Load Energization of Facilities without Registered Metering Installation



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I. Introduction

Background

The IESO has identified a need for a [market rule amendment](#) to allow the IESO to permit the temporary energization (no load) of a step-down transformer for commissioning purposes without the associated revenue metering installation being registered. The market rules should specify the circumstances and conditions under which the IESO would exercise that authority. For more details on the justification for the amendment see [MR-00339](#).

The IESO is seeking feedback on the proposed rule amendment. This initiative has had past discussion at the [Revenue Metering Standing Committee](#) and the Committee voted eighteen votes for proceeding with a rule amendment and one vote against proceeding. For more details see the [May 16th presentation](#) and the [minutes](#) from May 16th.

II. Stakeholders

[Market participants](#) with new facilities being registered with the IESO are directly impacted. In the past, market participants constructing new facilities have, on occasion, requested temporary energization of a step-down transformer for commissioning purposes before the associated revenue metering installation has been registered with IESO.

If the temporary energization of the transformer occurred, the energy consumed but not metered would be treated as a transmission loss and would be paid by consumers as an uplift charge. This amendment therefore impacts all consumers of energy in the province

This stakeholder initiative is open to any other stakeholders who may wish to comment on the proposal.

III. Stakeholder Engagement Goals and Objectives

Goals

The goal of this stakeholder plan is to gather stakeholder feedback on the proposed rule amendment.

Objectives

1. To provide feedback to the IESO and the [Technical Panel](#) for a market rule amendment.
2. To collect stakeholder feedback while minimizing adverse effects on market participant processes.

IV. Stakeholder Engagement Approach and Methods

The implementation of this stakeholder engagement plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved [stakeholder engagement principles](#). The stakeholder plan will be subject to review and update as the process evolves and stakeholder comments are incorporated, and as revisions are warranted.

The stakeholder engagement approach will be feedback — with request for stakeholder review and written feedback.

The stakeholder engagement method to be employed will be a web-based posting with a request for written comments via e-mail. An e-mail communication will be sent to stakeholders including all market participants.

Web-based postings provide all interested stakeholders with an efficient low-cost method to be informed of the proposed changes with the opportunity to communicate their views via e-mail to the IESO (stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca). All stakeholder input, including dissenting views, will be posted on the IESO website.

All feedback from stakeholders will be considered prior to any Technical Panel decision. This stakeholder plan provides all stakeholders with the opportunity to communicate their views and positions directly to the IESO in advance of any recommendation to move forward with a market rule amendment.

Feedback will be provided on all stakeholder comments and how input was considered, and the results of the consultation will be posted on the IESO website. Changes to market rules and manuals will follow the usual [change control practices](#).

V. Decision Making Process

Feedback from this stakeholder plan will be presented to IESO senior management and the Technical Panel. This will be used in determining if the proposal warrants a market rule amendment.

Additional consultation with stakeholders will occur with the Technical Panel when the amendments are proposed.

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Target Date
1. Post and communicate stakeholder plan.	October 11, 2007
2. Technical Panel meeting to begin discussion on rule amendment	October 16, 2007
3. Closing date for stakeholder written submissions on stakeholder plan.	October 25, 2007
4. Post IESO response to stakeholder written comments on stakeholder plan along with decision and rationale for decision.	October 30, 2007
5. Technical Panel meetings to determine if submission warrants further consideration, develop and review amendment proposal and to vote on market rule amendment proposal.	TBA
6. IESO Board meeting for approval of market rule amendments.	TBA
7. Posting of IESO Board Decision.	TBA