

Stakeholder Engagement Plan SE-59

Connection Assessment and Approval Procedure (Market Manual 2.10)



[Revision 1: April 2, 2008: Section V: Schedule of Activities has been updated.](#)

I. Introduction

The IESO's Connection Assessment and Approval (CAA) process is used to determine the impact of proposed new or modified connections on the reliability of Ontario's integrated power system.

The IESO has revised the queue allocation principles and the rights associated with the queue position in the CAA procedure ([Market Manual 2.10](#)). These changes align the market manual with the current process, which has reduced the number of unnecessary or repeated studies and, therefore, has reduced the time and cost for proponents, transmitters and the IESO.

Secondly, references to project milestones and the associated proponents' obligations are being added to the market manual based on suggestions previously submitted by stakeholders.

Finally, various other CAA process details are being clarified within the market manual to align it to the current process.

Background

In accordance with Chapter 4, Section 6 of the Market Rules, anyone planning to construct a new or modified connection to the IESO-Controlled grid is required to obtain IESO approval through the CAA process. This process is initiated when a connection applicant submits an application to the IESO.

A large number of connection assessment applications were received in 2004 as a result of various generation procurement processes initiated by the Ontario government. Following a stakeholder review period, the market manual was revised in March 2005 in order to enable the IESO to deal more effectively with connection assessment applications resulting from procurement processes and their associated tight timelines.

To address stakeholder concerns regarding the varying degrees of proponent commitment to projects in the original queue, the IESO established new queuing principles effective April 30, 2005. This was communicated to stakeholders in a [notice of change](#) on April 29, 2005 but the market manual was not updated.

At that time, stakeholders also suggested that project milestones be introduced to address concerns regarding the varying degrees of proponent commitment to projects in the queue. See pages 6 - 10 of www.ieso.ca/imowebpub/200412/mo_Minutes_2004Dec8.pdf.

II. Stakeholders

All stakeholders will have an interest in the changes to the connection assessment and approvals process. Local distribution companies (LDCs), transmitters, the Ontario Power Authority and current and future generators will have the most interest proposed market manual changes.

III. Stakeholder Engagement Goal

Goal

The goal of the stakeholder engagement plan is to gather feedback from stakeholders on the proposed changes to the connection assessment and approvals procedure.

Objectives

The objectives are to determine if the changes will enable the IESO to more effectively deal with the large volume of connection assessment applications that are required to be process within tight contract timelines.

IV. Stakeholder Engagement Approach and Methods

The stakeholder engagement approach will be feedback — with request for stakeholder review and written feedback. The implementation of this stakeholder engagement plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved stakeholder engagement principles. The stakeholder engagement method to be employed will be a combination of web-based posting with a request for written comments via e-mail and a possible face-to-face meeting.

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. Feedback will be provided on all stakeholder comments and how this input was considered, and the results of the consultation will be posted on the IESO website.

The stakeholder plan will be subject to review and update as the process evolves and stakeholder comments are incorporated, and as revisions are warranted.

V. Decision Making Process

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Target Date
1. Post and communicate stakeholder plan.	February 14, 2008
2. Deadline for stakeholder feedback on stakeholder plan.	February 28, 2008
3. Post IESO response to stakeholder feedback on the stakeholder plan.	March 6, 2008
4. Draft market manual changes communicated to stakeholders.	April 2, 2008
5. Deadline for stakeholder comment on draft market manual changes.	April 17
6. Meeting with stakeholders to discuss market manual changes (if required).	Mid April
7. Market Manual changes posted as part of baseline.	April 17 , 2008
8. Market manual changes approved by IESO management.	End of May
9. Revised market manual posted on the Rules and Manuals page of the website.	June 4, 2008