

Hydroelectric Contract Initiative (HCI)

Updated HCI Contract, Definitions and Standard Contract Guidelines

Posted: 07/14/2015

Updated versions of the following documents have now been posted to reflect the merger between the IESO and OPA, effective January 1, 2015.

- HCI Contract for Transmission Connected Facilities (Version 1.1) and Distribution Connected Facilities (Version 1.1),
 - HCI Standard Definitions (Version 1.1), and
 - HCI Standard Contract Guidelines (Version 1.3).
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Posted: 09/16/2014

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Please refer to the [Expansion Stream of the Hydroelectric Standard Offer Program \(HESOP\)](#) for incremental hydroelectric capacity at currently contracted non-utility generation (NUG) facilities under contract with the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation, and at OPA Hydroelectric Contract Initiative (HCI)-contracted facilities.

Upgrades under HCI

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Pursuant to the [January 21, 2013, Ministerial Direction](#), the OPA is no longer accepting applications for refurbishment, upgrades or expansions of existing facilities currently holding HCI contracts. The OPA in due course may amend the [HCI Standard Contract Guidelines](#) to incorporate changes to reflect this direction. The OPA is currently developing the [Hydroelectric Standard Offer program \(HESOP\)](#) for expansion projects as per the [June 26, 2013, Ministerial Direction](#).

2014 Legal Holidays

Posted: 01/02/2014

Pursuant to the definition of "Business Days" in the HCI Contracts (any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday in the Province of Ontario), please be advised that the OPA will consider weekends and days designated as "Holidays" under the Ontario Courts of Justice Act ("CJA"). [Review the designated Holidays for 2014.](#)

HCI Upgrades - Submission of supplementary forms

Posted: 01/11/2010

For Suppliers that are applying for Upgrades, there exist provisions in the Amending Agreement that require acquiring an Independent Engineer ("IE") in which the Supplier shall seek approval from the OPA. Please complete the form found [here](#).

As per Section 1.4 of the Amending Agreement, the Supplier shall provide the OPA with a test report prepared by the Supplier or IE and certified by the IE for the OPA's review and concurrence. Please complete the form found [here](#).

Please return both forms to the OPA as per the instructions stated on the forms.

HCI Update - Exhibit J-1

Posted: 05/08/2010

For parties who will be undertaking Upgrades, Exhibit J-1 is available.

- Exhibit J-1 – First Amending Agreement to the Hydroelectric Contract Initiative – Standard Form Contract (HCI CONTRACT) [[click here](#)]
 - Template for Appendix 1 - description of Upgrades to the Facility [[click here](#)]
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