

Memorandum

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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Subject: IESO Business Update – Regional Planning and Community Engagement

Since the last update to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee in May, work has continued on the development of regional plans and engagement with communities.

On June 30, 2016, three Integrated Regional Resource Plans (IRRPs) were posted for the areas of Greenstone-Marathon, GTA East and Bronte (Oakville-Burlington) and on July 27, 2016, a regional plan was posted for the West of Thunder Bay area. With the posting of these regional plans, there are now twelve IRRPs completed across the province. An additional four regional plans are currently under development and will be posted in Q4 2016 to Q1 2017 for the planning areas of London, Thunder Bay, Barrie/Innisfil and Parry Sound/Muskoka.

For the final group of regions to be assessed for regional planning, Group 3, the needs assessments have now been completed by the transmitter and it was determined that none of the regions require coordinated regional planning and any needs can be managed through local planning. As per the regional planning process, the needs will be re-assessed every five years or earlier if required.

With the completion of this Group 3 needs assessment, all 21 regions identified by the Ontario Energy Board have now been evaluated and regional planning has been carried out in areas where needed across the province. Once the final four regional plans are posted, a total of 16 IRRPs will have been completed in this first round of the IESO's regional planning.

Regional planning with our industry partners and community engagement, as well as ongoing planning work, continues on the development of the new plans and the monitoring and implementation of many of the posted plans. There are currently 10 Local Advisory Committees (LACs) across the province comprised of municipalities, Indigenous peoples, community members and stakeholders that meet regularly to discuss regional planning and electricity items of interest. Given the LAC member interest in a wide variety of electricity

topics, a new approach has been adopted in many LACs where half of the meeting agenda will be devoted to topics of interest to the LAC members.

In addition to the LACs, additional outreach efforts related to regional planning are made by meeting with municipalities and Indigenous communities in regions where there are upcoming or active project implementation activities underway, as a result of needs identified through the planning process. In the coming months, further engagement efforts will include trade show participation at the Annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference, as well as the Annual Ontario Professional Planners Institute Conference and an upcoming meeting with the Williams Treaty communities. Work will also continue by the IESO as members of several municipal advisory groups for the development of community energy plans. These are a few of the ways that the IESO stays connected to key participants in the regional planning process.