

### **I. Introduction**

This stakeholder plan has been developed to define the opportunity for stakeholder involvement and awareness in respect of the IESO's 2007-2009 Business Plan.

#### Background

Prior to Bill 100, stakeholder involvement in the business plan process consisted of input from the stakeholder-represented IESO Board of Directors as well as discussion at the Regulatory Affairs Standing Committee. As a result of Bill 100, a non-stakeholder Board of Directors was appointed. Subsequently a revised approach to stakeholder engagement was developed, including the establishment of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The revised stakeholder engagement process contemplates that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee would be the venue for stakeholder advice to the Board of Directors in relation to the IESO Business Plan.

Subsequent to IESO Board approval and pursuant to s.19.1(1) of the Electricity Act the 2007-2009 Business Plan will be submitted to the Minister at least 90 days before the beginning of 2007 for approval. The Business Plan will then be submitted to the OEB for approval.

### **II. Stakeholders**

The IESO Business Plan is of interest to all stakeholder sectors, and is one of the matters identified for review through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Stakeholder Advisory Committee members will seek input from their constituent groups.

### **III. Stakeholder Engagement Goals and Objectives**

#### Goal

The goal of the stakeholder engagement plan is to seek feedback from stakeholders in the preparation of the IESO Business Plan for 2007-2009 and to gain support for that Plan.

#### Objectives

1. To communicate to stakeholders: the objectives and priorities of the IESO, the opportunities and challenges to the business over the planning horizon, and to provide stakeholders with a view of the estimated resource requirements of the IESO over the coming three years;
2. To provide interested stakeholders with the opportunity to provide input to IESO Management and the IESO Board of Directors on the priorities and initiatives underpinning the IESO's 2007-2009 Business Plan; and
3. To gain stakeholder support of that plan.

#### IV. Stakeholder Engagement Approach and Methods

The stakeholder engagement approach proposed will be through Advisory Committee feedback with the request for written feedback, particularly for advice to IESO Management and the IESO Board of Directors. The implementation of the stakeholder engagement process will be in accordance with the IESO's approved stakeholder principles, which for convenience have been set out at the end of this plan.

The stakeholder engagement method will be face-to-face meetings with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee – with opportunity for stakeholder written feedback via e-mail ([stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca)) or via their Stakeholder Advisory Committee member. All stakeholder views will be posted.

Approval of the Business Plan is required by the IESO Board. Subsequent to IESO Board approval and pursuant to the Electricity Act the Business Plan is submitted to the Minister at least 90 days before the beginning of 2007 for approval. Once approved by the Minister, the Business plan is submitted to the OEB for approval.

All stakeholder input will be considered prior to the IESO Management recommendations to the Board. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to communicate their view and positions directly to the IESO Executive/Board of Directors through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee in advance of any final decisions. IESO decisions, and the rationale for those decisions, will be posted along with an explanation of how stakeholder input was taken into account in the decision.

This is a public consultation process. Information supplied by stakeholders will be posted on the IESO website including identification of the participant.

#### V. Decision Making Steps and Schedule of Activities

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Target Date
1. Provide the Stakeholder Advisory Committee with copy of the 2007-2009 Business Plan Stakeholder Plan for review and input prior to finalization.	Week of February 20, 2006
2. Post Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	March 3, 2006
3. Meeting with Stakeholder Advisory Committee to outline IESO's strategic direction and invite input on priorities and initiatives over planning period.	March 22, 2006
4. Closing date for Stakeholder Advisory Committee feedback on IESO priorities/initiatives.	April 21, 2006
5. Posting to web of Stakeholder Advisory Committee feedback on IESO priorities/initiatives.	April 25, 2006
6. Presentation to Stakeholder Advisory Committee of proposed IESO priorities and initiatives for the planning period with feedback on input received.	May 22, 2006
7. Presentation to Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Corporate Performance Measures.	July 12, 2006

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
8. Deadline for input to Corporate Performance Measures.	August 2, 2006
9. Presentation to Stakeholder Advisory Committee of Business Plan.	September 5, 2006
10. IESO Board of Directors review of draft Business Plan and feedback from Stakeholder Advisory Committee.	September 7, 2006
11. IESO Audit Committee/Board of Directors review and approval of 2007-2009 Business Plan.	September 21/22, 2006
12. Filing of Business Plan with Minister for approval.	On or before October 2, 2006
13. Submission of Business Plan to OEB for approval.	On or before November 1, 2006

Process Evaluation

Stakeholders will be provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the process in achieving stated objectives following each key stakeholder engagement event.