

To: Stakeholder Advisory Committee members

Subject: Members meeting on December 3, 2008

I understand there were some questions raised from stakeholders regarding our meeting on December 3, 2008. The purpose of this communication is to give some context around the meeting and any outcomes.

Occasionally items presented to the Committee for input are complex, involving detailed criteria and analysis. Most SAC members are not themselves directly involved in the extensive discussion of those items in stakeholder meetings such as the Market Pricing Working Group. In light of this, we occasionally arrange informal meetings to develop a better understanding of the items - helping each of us to pursue concerns with our constituencies, and to subsequently provide informed advice to the IESO. The meeting on December 3 would be better categorized as a working session vs. an in-camera session.

Any advice the Committee provides to the IESO and the Board will be transparent and follow normal stakeholder engagement processes including SAC meetings and posting of comments from stakeholders.

At the meeting on December 3, 2008 we reviewed how various decision criteria could be applied to the results of cost benefit analyses. The discussion revolved around the posted paper outlining [four commonly used decision criterion](#), as well as [stakeholder comments and IESO responses](#). It was clear that there was little support for “formulaic” decision making, but all four perspectives were informative. The bulk of the effort in these analyses was in the cost benefit work – all four criteria applied the outcome of that work. Members added that these are tools to be used in decision making, but by no means exclusive tests. All of the material discussed is available on the IESO website under Stakeholder Engagement Plan SE-77 and your sector members are welcome to provide feedback to the IESO. Two additional items were discussed, namely Peak vs. Average and Establishing Priorities. Sector positions or any additional stakeholder input on these items is due on December 18, 2008 and can be provided to the IESO at [stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca).

Thank you for your continued support of the Committee.

Regards

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