

**Stakeholder Comment Matrix – Dec. 19, 2019**  
**Request for feedback on 2020 plan for market-related initiatives**



<b>Period of Comment:</b> Dec. 19, 2019 through Jan. 17, 2020 <b>Comments From:</b> IPPSA <b>Date:</b> [2019/01/10]	<b>Contact:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]
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*The AESO is seeking comments from stakeholders on its 2020 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives.*

	Questions	Stakeholder Comments
1.	<p>Is the publication of the <i>2020 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives</i> useful to you? Would any additional information be helpful? Please be specific.</p>	<p>IPPSA believes this is a valuable report as it provides a concise overview of 2020 objectives. We recommend that such a report be provided for other key AESO departments.</p> <p>Consistent with IPPSA's input in the AESO's Budget Review Process, IPPSA and its members are concerned with the cost of the AESO's trading charge and are prepared to defer AESO's initiatives to reduce that charge.</p> <p>To this end, IPPSA recommends that the AESO create of a set of selection criteria for the purposes of prioritizing/deferring some of these initiatives. Criteria could include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Whether this initiative is a result of a policy/AUC requirement.</li> <li>2) Cost of initiative in terms of staff time and/or outside resources.</li> <li>3) Impact on number of market participants and/or MWs (existing and announced).</li> </ol>

2.	<p>Are there any additional market-related initiatives that in your view require the AESO's and stakeholders' attention in 2020 that are not listed in the <i>2020 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives</i>?</p>	<p>IPPSA requests that the AESO strike a stakeholder committee to aid it in developing its market initiatives. The AESO has had such committees in the past. A market advisory committee would be consistent with the AESO's renewed commitment to stakeholder engagement. Such a committee could also provide input to the AESO on which items are a priority for industry and work with the AESO to rationalize its initiatives given stakeholder interest in reducing the AESO's trading charge.</p>
3.	<p>Do you have suggested changes to the timing of initiatives in the <i>2020 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives</i> schedule? If yes, please be specific to why you would like to see the timing changed and what the suggested timing should look like.</p>	<p>IPPSA is interested in seeing a reduction in the AESO's trading charge and would be willing to make trade-offs in the development and timing of these initiatives. To do so, these initiatives should be costed out and contrasted against other selection criteria such as 'Policy/Regulatory Requirement' and 'Impact'.</p>
4.	<p>Do you have any other suggestions or comments you would like to share with the AESO related to the <i>2020 Plan for Market-Related Initiatives</i> publication?</p>	<p>IPPSA has the following four recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) IPPSA requests that the AESO strike a stakeholder committee to aid it in developing its market initiatives. The AESO has had such committees in the past. A market advisory committee would be consistent with the AESO's renewed commitment to stakeholder engagement.</li> <li>2) IPPSA recommends that the AESO provide costs in terms of staff time and/or the need for external support for each initiative and consider other selection criteria such as 'Policy/Regulatory Requirement' and 'Impact'. This would better inform stakeholders in providing advice on whether or not some initiatives should be deferred.</li> <li>3) At the 'analysis' phase of each initiative, IPPSA recommends that the AESO draft a problem statement. This would define what the initiative is about and its key considerations. This problem statement should be shared with stakeholders to allow for stakeholder input; perhaps through the market</li> </ol>

		<p>advisory committee requested above. Such a step would aid in securing stakeholder buy-in to the initiative and to fully inform the problem statement with the issues that need to be considered. (E.G. “How does the AESO integrate storage into the AIES while upholding FEOC and T-Reg principles?”)</p> <p>4) IPPSA sees value in this markets initiative plan and recommends that such a report be provided for other key AESO departments.</p>
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Thank you for your input. Please email your comments to: [stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca](mailto:stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca).