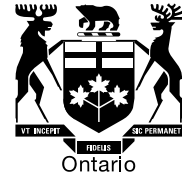


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VIA EMAIL

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To: All RPP Pilot Project Proponents

**Re: Regulated Price Plan Pilot Interim and Final Results Reports
(Board File No. EB-2016-0201)**

The Interim Results reporting milestone for the RPP Pilots is approaching. This letter is to inform the RPP Pilot project proponents of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) expectations regarding the content of the Interim and Final Results Reports and the process for receiving the associated contribution amounts from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

RPP Pilot project proponents are expected to submit Interim Results Reports to the OEB by the Target Completion Date established by the OEB and reflected in Schedule B of their agreements with the IESO. The OEB will review the Interim Results Report for completeness. Its review will be guided by the minimum requirements identified below, each of which has its basis in the Evaluation, Monitoring and Verification Plan submitted for each of these pilots. The OEB's review may identify the need for greater clarity, detail or other changes that proponents must make to the Interim Results Reports before the OEB will accept the Report.

Once the OEB is satisfied with the Interim Results Report, the OEB will provide the IESO with confirmation of the OEB's acceptance of the milestone and of the amount of the associated payment to be made by the IESO. For the Interim Results Report, the contribution amount will be the amount already established by the OEB and reflected in Schedule B of the agreement with the IESO.

Minimum requirements for results reporting

The Interim and Final Results Reports should at minimum:

- Be consistent with the Evaluation, Monitoring and Verification Plan (EM&V Plan) submitted to the OEB, except where deviations are expressly noted (see below)

- Include the completed Interim and Final Results tab in the EM&V Metrics spreadsheet provided by the OEB
- Contain results derived from the minimum duration of measurement data approved by the OEB in relation to the project – typically 6 months for the interim period and 12 months for the final results report.
- Include the following:
 - Executive summary
 - Introduction
 - Description of the programs
 - Final sample sizes achieved
 - Overview of results
 - Data
 - Description/Summary of the data
 - Preprocessing (data cleaning) activities
 - Any issues or concerns relating to data integrity or validity
 - Methodology
 - Experimental design / Sampling
 - Non-price impact modelling discussion (if applicable)
 - Price impact modelling discussion (if applicable)
 - Issues/discussion if there was a need for deviation from the EM&V Plan
 - Results
 - Non-price impacts (if applicable)
 - Price impacts (if applicable)
 - Survey (if applicable)
 - Issues
 - Conclusion
 - Provide a recap of results
 - Insights and discussion – including if any results were surprising, and potential explanations for these results
 - Lessons learned
 - Design, cost, efficacy, implementation and other considerations for deployment at a broader scale
 - Appendix
 - Example surveys
 - Communication mock ups
 - Additional analyses

It is also expected that each proponent will provide all processed data that was used to derive survey, non-price, and price results to the OEB. This processed data will be submitted at the same time as the Interim Results Report. Large datasets can be submitted through file transfer if required. If confidential information is contained in the processed data please contact the OEB to discuss options, including how best to anonymize the data.

Proponents should expect the Interim Results Report to be made public. In accordance with the Conditions of Approval set out in Attachment A of the RPP pilot approval letters, proponents must make all reasonable efforts to prepare Interim Results Reports in such a manner that they do not contain confidential or personal information. If it is necessary for an Interim Results Report to contain confidential or personal information in order for the contents of the Report to be meaningful, proponents must clearly identify the confidential or personal information and file the Report in confidence. Proponents will, if requested by the OEB, prepare a version of the Report from which confidential or personal information has been redacted such that the Report can be communicated to third parties or posted on the OEB's website. Despite the above, the OEB may provide a copy of the confidential version of the Report to the IESO or the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Northern Development.

The above process and requirements are also expected to apply to the Final Results Reports, which are likewise due by the Target Completion Date established by the OEB and reflected in Schedule B of each proponent's agreement with the IESO. The OEB will review the Final Results Reports to ensure completeness of the data record and to assess the soundness of the conclusions reached.

In a process likely to take place in parallel to the OEB's review of the Final Results Reports, the OEB will also review project expenditures incurred by RPP Pilot proponents in order to determine the total amounts payable in relation to each project. Further direction related to the review of costs will be communicated toward the conclusion of the in-field study period of the earliest-scheduled pilot.

Following this financial review, and upon the Final Results Report being satisfactory to the OEB, the OEB will provide the IESO with confirmation of the OEB's acceptance of the milestone and the amount of the final associated payment to be made by the IESO.

The OEB's review of the Interim Results Report and other lessons learned may prompt it to update or revise expectations for the Final Results Report. Any changes will be communicated in advance with a view to minimizing any adverse impact on costs and the schedule for completion of this milestone.

Please direct any questions regarding the above to RPP.Pilots@oeb.ca.

Sincerely,

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