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**Assessment of Impact of Rule  
Amendment on Consumers re Prices,  
Reliability and Quality of Electricity  
Service**

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This form is used to document the *IESO's* assessment of the impact of a proposed *market rule amendment* on the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the *reliability* and quality of electricity service. Please complete all parts of this form.

Terms and acronyms used in this Form that are italicized have the meanings ascribed thereto in Chapter 11 of the *Market Rules*.

**PART 1 – MARKET RULE INFORMATION**

Identification No.:	MR-00439-R00-R05
Title:	Transitional Capacity Auction

**PART 2 – ASSESSMENT**

The following is the *IESO's* assessment of the impact of the proposed *market rule amendment* on the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the *reliability* and quality of electricity service.

**Impact on Prices**

The Transitional Capacity Auction (TCA) represents an evolution of the demand response auction (DRA) into a more competitive capacity acquisition mechanism. Prices have decreased year-over-year in the DRA, with a 42 per cent decrease in prices since the first DRA in 2015. By enabling non-committed dispatchable generators to participate in the TCA, the increased competition is expected to put downward pressure on price.

**Impact on Reliability of Electricity Service**

The TCA is expected to acquire a reliable source of capacity to help meet Ontario's resource adequacy needs.

**Impact on Quality of Electricity Service**

No concerns have been identified that would negatively impact the quality of electricity service.

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