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IESO Business Plan – Hydro One (Transmitter) Response

As a transmitter our relationship with the IESO is in the area of reliability and transmission operations. The market aspects of the IESO's have only an indirect impact on us as a transmitter (e.g. via actions transmission customers may take in response to the market). As such, the large part of the IESO's business plan that relates to market operations I will not offer comment on.

In the IESO's plans and actions I want to see an on going commitment to reliability and achieving your role in as cost effective manner as possible. I do see this commitment and wish to encourage the IESO to continue to focus on working with the transmitters to implement more efficient ways to operate the provincial grid. Of note, at Hydro One, we recognize the benefit of your investment in on line limit derivation as it provides for more opportunity to plan maintenance effectively. In particular, the development of the Bruce readiness program has provided much needed support and alignment with a large number of Hydro One's key sustainment and capital programs.

Hydro One is reinvesting heavily in our aging grid and to connect cleaner energy. This presents new challenge in the operation of the grid and increases the pressures on the transmitter and the IESO to do so in an innovative manner that controls costs. Your business plan does recognizes the need to operationally integrate distributed generation but I do want to note that challenge is more than managing periods of SBG but also the need to manage equipment outages to complete an extensive maintenance program

We look forward to continuing to work together on making Ontario's operation of the provincial grid a model for others and I do support your business plan.

Wayne Smith