# How Ontario is Putting Conservation First

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## **Overview of Presentation**

- Origins of Conservation First Framework (CFF)
   Conservation in Ontario and new policies
- Approach to design and develop CFF
   Unique considerations of framework
- Implementation
  - Challenges and opportunities

# IESO at a Glance

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) works at the heart of Ontario's power system – ensuring there is enough power to meet the province's energy needs in real time while also planning and securing energy for the future. It does this by:

- Balancing supply and demand
- Securing clean sources of supply
- Planning medium and long term
- **Overseeing** the electricity wholesale market
- Fostering culture of conservation <u>saveONenergy</u>





### Ontario at a Glance

Local Distribution Companies	73	
Installed Capacity	34,367 MW	
Record Summer Peak	27,005 MW (August 1, 2006)	Minnesota Quebec North Quebec South (Ottawa) Quebec
Record Winter Peak	24,979 MW (Dec 20, 2004)	MIDWEST ISO
Total Annual Energy Consumed	139.8 TWh (2014)	Michigan Michigan MIDCONTINENT ISO
Customers	4.9 million	
Transmission Lines	30,000 km (18,600 miles)	The IESO is the reliability coordinator for Ontario and works closely with other jurisdictions to ensure energy adequacy
Interconnections	New York, Quebec, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota	across North America.



# Building the Culture of Conservation

<ul> <li>Interim peak demand targets</li> <li>Centralized program design (OPA)</li> <li>Fragmented delivery – multiple partners including LDCs</li> <li>Multiple brands and program names</li> <li>Foundation for province-wide conservation efforts</li> <li>Peak demand and energy targets only Decentralized LDC-lear program design</li> <li>Centralized program design (OPA)</li> <li>Decentralized LDC-lear program design</li> <li>Regional collaboration gas integration</li> <li>Introduction of risk-b financing</li> <li>Holistic deeper solution</li> <li>Greater transparency reporting and costs</li> </ul>	Pre-2011	2011-2014	2015-2020
	Conservation	Framework	Conservation First
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#### **Conservation is Our First Priority**





#### **Conservation Success in Ontario**

saveonenergy<sup>®</sup>

2011

2014

6,400 GWh

In Electricity saved from 2011 to 2014 Across Ontario

**416,000** Inefficient Appliances Collected Since 2006

#### Million

Energy Saving Products Purchased With saveONenergy Coupons

2,100 Energy Audits

**81,000** Small Business Direct Install Lighting Projects 30,000

Retrofit Projects

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Customers invested over \$2 billion into Conservation Programs and saved over **\$4 billion** in avoided costs



#### **Conservation Goals**



Almost all electricity demand growth to 2032 to be met by energy efficiency & improved codes and standards

Goals: 8.7 TWh in 2020; 30 TWh in 2032 Demand Response to meet 10% of peak demand by 2025



#### **Requirements of the Conservation Framework**

- Minister of Energy directed the IESO to implement a new conservation framework focused on:
  - Providing LDCs with long-term stable funding and budgets
  - Greater LDC autonomy
  - Flexibility to align conservation programs to local needs
  - Streamlined approvals and administrative requirements
  - Cost-effective LDC CDM plans
  - Encouraging innovation
  - Regional and natural gas utility collaboration



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#### **Extensive Consultation on Conservation First**

CFAWG	<ul> <li>Conservation First Advisory Working Group (CFAWG) (OPA, LDCs, gas utilities, Ministry and OEB observers)</li> <li>Collaborated on draft Energy Conservation Agreement (ECA) terms, including targets, budgets, remedies, etc.</li> </ul>
All LDCs	<ul> <li>Regional workshops to solicit feedback on budgets, targets, incentives, minimum performance, ECA terms, contents of Tool Kit (LDC resources for CDM planning)</li> <li>Executive roundtables on draft ECA terms</li> </ul>
Stakeholder Advisory Group	<ul> <li>Input on implementation elements and draft business terms including incentives, remedies, draft ECA terms</li> </ul>
OPA/IESO Board	<ul> <li>Input on implementation issues, budget, targets, ECA terms, governance, etc.</li> </ul>



## Approach for Framework Design

 Collaboration between IESO and LDC sub-groups to design key components of the framework

#### **Targets and Budgets**

• Develop a methodology for allocating targets and budgets across LDCs

#### Conservation Agreements

 Develop key conservation governance documents including rules and guideline

#### Incentives & Penalties

 Develop appropriate rewards and penalties for meeting targets and maintaining cost effectiveness



## **Ambitious Conservation First Energy Targets**

8.7 TWh energy target province-wide by 2020 (EE only)
 7 TWh for LDCs and 1.7 TWh for Tx customers





## **Target Allocation Methodology**

- Based on Provincial Achievable Potential Study
  - Determined Achievable Potential by IESO zone (10) and sector
- LDC targets allocated based on LDC's share of load by sector within each IESO zone



## **Cost-Effective Conservation First Budget**

- Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan outlines \$2.6B for 2015-2020 Conservation Cost
  - \$2.2B for Energy Efficiency, \$0.4B for Demand Response
  - 3.5¢/kWh portfolio rate (levelized)



# Allocation of CDM Budget Across LDCs

- A budget rate (\$/ first year kWh) established for each sector based on cost effective program delivery
- LDC budgets determined by multiplying LDC's sector target by the provincial sector budget rate

LDC CDM Target = 100 GWh				
		Sector	LUEC (\$/kWh	PAC Ratio
Residential CDM target = 40 GWh	Non-Res CDM Target = 60GWh	Res	\$0.057	1.1
Res Funding Rate =	Res Funding Rate =	Non-Res	\$0.024	2.9
\$0.33/kWh	\$0.23/kWh	Total	\$0.031	2.2
<b>Res Budget = 12.4M</b>	Non-Res Budget = 14.4M			
Total LDC CDM Budget \$26.4 M		Total Budget Only – flexibility to determine		





## **CDM Plan Development**

#### LDC CDM Plan

- Year by year plan for meeting 2020 CDM target
- Summarizes output from CDM tools

#### **Achievable Potential Calculator**

- Identifies areas of local CDM opportunities by sector, end-use and building type
- Based on local and regional information

#### **Cost Effectiveness Calculator**

- Calculates cost effectiveness metrics required for CDM Plan
- Forecast program savings through program archetypes
- Evaluate different program scenarios



# **Conservation First Rewards and Penalties**

# Performance Incentives

- Incentive at mid-term (2017) for achievement of 50% of target
  - 1.0 ¢/kWh (single LDC), 1.5¢/kWh (joint Plan)
- Incentive for achieving target (as above), in addition to **1.5¢/kWh** for exceeding target

# Performance Remedies

- **Graduated** administrative and financial remedies based on:
  - proportion of planned savings achieved and
  - cost effectiveness of LDC plan delivery



#### Choice of Funding Mechanism for LDCs

#### Full Cost Recovery

#### Pay for Performance

 Traditional model where LDC reimbursed on all eligible costs
 -Low LDC Risk = Low Reward
 -Less flexibility and creativity in establishing customer incentives
 -Retroactive payment recovery for non-performance - **Evolved model** where LDC paid on Net Verified Savings (\$/kWh)

- Greater LDC Risk = Greater Reward

-Greater flexibility and creativity in customer incentive levels -No retroactive payment required

Option for Hybrid Approach for each Sector



## **Establishing Roles and Responsibilities**

IESO

**Establish Framework which Promotes Collaboration** 

#### LDCs

**Develop and Maintain Cost Effective CDM Plan** 

Support Program Design & Innovation

**Program Design and Delivery** 

Monitoring, Evaluation & Compliance

Integration with Regional & Community Planning and Gas



# Successful Launch of Conservation First

 13 LDCs are currently in market implementing Conservation First



**Remaining LDCs to launch CFF in October through December 2015** 



## **Transitioning Between Two Frameworks**

- Staggered rollout of framework across LDCs
  - Current 2011-2014 framework extended into 2015
  - LDCs choose when to launch CFF
- Ensuring "seamless" customer experience
  - Participant agreements & rules
  - Website
- CDM information systems
  - Need for centralized data and reporting





## **Competing Policies & Drivers**

- Energy vs. demand targets
  - CDM targets vs. regional planning
- Impact of upcoming Cap and trade policy on CDM

   Announcement that Ontario will join Quebec and
   California in Western Climate Initiative
- Definition of "conservation"
  - Behind-the-meter generation, dynamic pricing, etc.





## **Collaboration Across LDCs and Partners**

- IESO promoting collaboration in new framework
  - Increased performance incentives for collaborating LDCs
  - Access to LDC Collaboration Fund
- Collaboration across LDCs
  - 16 joint CDM Plans submitted (48 LDCs)
  - Maximize administrative and delivery efficiencies
- Collaboration with Gas Utilities
  - Members of IESO/LDC Working Groups
  - Opportunities identified in CDM plans and in program / pilot business cases

#### **Greater Opportunity for Success & Cost Effective Programs**



# LDC Innovation and Local Programs

- \$70M LDC Innovation Fund available to LDCs
- Almost 40 unique programs and pilots ideas included in CDM Plans
  - Residential –focus on whole home solutions (audits, retrofits, financing options, social benchmarking)
  - Business focus on operational savings, improved targeting (optimizing facility performance, high opportunity sectors and measures: wineries, commercial kitchens, hotels, VFDs, motors)
- 11 LDC pilots currently underway
  - Toronto Hydro Direct Install Roof Top Unit Controls
  - EnWin Retro-commissioning Commercial Buildings
  - Niagara On The Lake Winery And Greenhouse Program
  - Niagara Peninsula Prescriptive Measures for Hotels/Motels



# Final Remarks...

- Conservation First Framework reflects a continuing evolution of conservation planning and management in Ontario
- CDM Framework developed through a collaborative and inclusive process
  - Less focus on central, IESO-led administration
  - Greater autonomy to LDCs
- Still challenges to address, but encouraged by early successes observed in framework launch



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