

IMPORTANT: Ontario IESO Releases Notice Regarding Technical Issue with FIT 4.0.1 Application Process

The IESO has released [a notice regarding technical issues that were experienced with the assignment of time stamps for FIT 4.0.1](#). Applications and important actions that must be taken by FIT 4.0.1 Applicants.

CanSIA has been briefed by the IESO concerning this issue. In brief, as a result of a technical error the submit function of the FIT Application Form was inadvertently made available a few minutes before the 12:00 p.m. official start time. During these few minutes, a number of Applications were submitted and received time stamps. Technically, these time stamps are not compliant with the FIT Rules, as they predate the publicly posted 12:00 p.m. start date. To resolve this issue, while preserving the original schedule for the award of FIT Contracts, the IESO will run a new process to establish new time stamps.

All applicants who have active FIT 4.0.1 Applications must participate in the revised time stamp process for their Application to remain valid. If Applicants do not participate to receive a new time stamp, their Application will be terminated.

A [notice](#) and [FAQ](#) have been sent out to Applicants by the IESO with details on the error experienced and the plan for remediation. In short, there will be an additional process put in place to assign new time stamps to all Applications – no new Application materials are required to be submitted. The timing of the process is expected to be in December 2015. The exact timing has not yet been released by the IESO but additional details are expected soon.

Clearly this is a very unfortunate occurrence. The IESO has landed on this new time stamp assignment process as the best means to address this error without delaying the overall timelines of the Application process or subsequent FIT procurements. CanSIA would be strongly opposed to restarting the entire process as it would impact not only the timing of contract awards but likely the schedule for subsequent FIT procurements.

We understand that many CanSIA members will be disappointed by this error. While the circumstances are unfortunate CanSIA supports this solution as a workable option to address the technical error.

CanSIA will also be communicating with the IESO and the Ministry of Energy and wants to provide a single channel for our members' input, if any. While this is a technical issue and not a policy issue, CanSIA feels the IESO and Ministry of Energy should be apprised of any concerns raised by CanSIA members as a result of this revised time stamp procedure.

CanSIA will continue to monitor this situation and will share additional information with members as it becomes available. Please also note that CanSIA will address this issue on our Networks Webinar to be held tomorrow (November 19, 2015) at 2:00 PM. [Details on how to sign up are available here.](#)



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