

NYISO Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting

December 1, 2004
NYISO Washington Ave – Albany, NY

Of the 26th meeting of the New York Independent System Operator Electric System Planning Working Group held December 1, 2004 at NYISO in Albany, NY.

In attendance

Bill Palazzo - NYPA	Ernie Cardone – NYISO
Jerry Ancona – National Grid	John Buechler - NYISO
Tariq Niazi - NYSCPB	Leigh Bullock - NYISO
John Graham - NYSDPS	Liz Grisaru - NYISO
Diane Barney – NYSDPS	Larry Dewitt - PACE
Tom Payntor - NYSDPS	Howard Tarler – NYDPS
Tim Bush – Navigant Consulting	Tom Payntor - NYDPS
Rich Felak - Calpine	Deidre Facendola – Con Edison
Doreen Saia – Mirant	Audrey Capers – NYDPS
Bob Reed - NYSEG	John Graham - NYPSC
Chris Hall – NYSERDA	Alan McBride - Calpine
Paul Gioia – LeBoeuf, Lamb	Jim Mitsche – PowerGEM
Mark Younger – Slater Consulting	Ken Lotterhos – Navigant Consulting
Ralph Rufrano - NYPA	Joe Rossignoli – National Grid
Bill Lamanna – NYISO	Roy Shanker – East Coast Power
Jeff McKinney - NYSEG	Charlie Pratt – Dickstein, Shapiro
Mohsen Zamzam – Con Edison	Jim Scheiderich – Select Energy
Ed Kichline – Keyspan Energy	Glen McCartney - Constellation
Mike Mager – Multiple Intervenors	Tim Foxen - NRG
Doreen Saia - Mirant	Brad Kranz - NYISO
Janet Besser – National Grid	

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Bill Palazzo, Chair of the Electric System Planning Working Group welcomed the ESPWG members to the meeting and stated the agenda.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the November 16, 2004 meeting were approved with revisions and will be posted on the NYISO/MDEX website.

Congestion Impact Calculation Update - Jim Mitsche

Jim Mitsche provided an update on congestion impact calculation. ESPWG members agreed to have the four metrics published in excel format; with annual totals published monthly and daily. The reports will be by constraint (percentages) and total congestion payments will be eliminated.

Jerry Ancona expressed concerned with how Jim Mitsche's numbers compare with the BPCG numbers. He asked that the numbers be represented in terms of percent rather than total.

Still to be determined is where the charts will be posted on the NYISO site and when. Explanation will accompany charts to avoid confusion.

Bill Palazzo asked that additional comments be sent to NYISO as soon as possible so a package can be put together for the Operating Committee. He added that the OC is not intending to vote on this.

PSC Role in CRP Process

The PSC straw proposals for Screening Alternative Proposals and Dispute Resolution Process were reviewed. The PSC asked for additional input from ESPWG members by December 15th; they would like to finalize Market Participant supported proposals by the January meeting. Further discussion will be held at the January 10th ESPWG meeting.

Criteria for Halting a regulated project

The group reviewed the modifications to the draft criteria for halting a regulated project. This draft outlines the process in the event a regulated project that is already underway would be halted because of the entry of a viable market-based solution that the NYISO has determined will meet the same reliability need. Included in the draft were redlined comments from the DPS regarding their role in the process. There are still open issues regarding TO cost recovery and the PSC role which will be discussed offline prior to the January ESPWG meeting.

Economic Planning Process

John Buechler reviewed comments from Market Participants on the draft Economic Planning Process. Discussion on the PSC role in economic planning is still underway, but they do agree that market mechanisms need to have great emphasis on development.

Bill Palazzo asked for feedback from the group. There have been ongoing discussions in PJM and NE regarding their economic planning practices and he asked if it would be beneficial to hear how PJM interacted with FERC when they made their filing. John Buechler will look into the possibility of having PJM and/or ISO-NE attend an upcoming ESPWG to describe their economic planning procedures.

There was general consensus on the overall framework for addressing economic issues.. Further details to be discussed at the next meeting; including when to bring the strawman to the Operating Committee for affirmation.

Action items

1. Comments to NYISO on reporting historic congestion by December 7th.
2. Dec 15th for comment to PSC on screening and dispute resolution (Diane Barney)
3. Offline discussion between NYISO and PSC Staff for criteria for halting regulated projects.
4. NYISO to follow-up with ISO-NE and PJM re: economic planning

Next Meeting

January 10th – 10:00