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**NYISO Business Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.**

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**1. Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Chairman's Report**

Mr. Andrew Antinori (NYPA) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by welcoming the members of the BIC. The members of the BIC identified themselves and attendance was recorded. A quorum was determined.

**2. Market Operations Report and Broader Regional Markets Report**

Mr. Robb Pike (NYISO) reviewed the Market Operations report posted with the meeting material. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Pike reviewed the Broader Regional Markets report included with the meeting material. There were no questions or comments.

**3. CRIS for External-to-ROS Transmission Investment**

Mr. Ethan Avallone (NYISO) reviewed the presentation posted with the meeting material.

Mr. Kevin Lang (Couch White) sought confirmation that the proposed tariff revisions related to the deliverability study process essentially seek to treat External-to-ROS Deliverability Right (EDR) projects in a manner consistent with other projects seeking Capacity Resource Interconnection Service (CRIS). Ms. Sara Keegan (NYISO) stated that the proposed revisions are allow EDR projects to be studied for deliverability similar to UDR projects with EDRs being able to request CRIS up to the amount of incremental transfer capability being provided by the project.

Mr. Howard Fromer (PSEG) asked for clarification regarding the how the deliverability test will analyze deliverability throughout Rest of State (ROS) and how the projects will be studied for minimum electric interconnection requirements. Mr. Avallone confirmed that EDR projects, like other projects seeking CRIS in ROS, would be tested for deliverability through the ROS region. Ms. Keegan also noted that EDR projects would generally need to go through the full interconnection process for large facilities under Attachment X for minimum interconnection standard requirements; one exception is that Q430 project was tested for minimum interconnection study requirements under the transmission interconnection process (TIP) pursuant to transition rules proposed with the TIP.

Mr. Fromer asked for clarification regarding the annual election process that would apply to EDR projects. Mr. Zach T. Smith (NYISO) explained the annual process for return of EDRs does not impose an offer obligation for the capacity associated with any EDRs that are not returned. Ms. Gloria Kavanah (NYISO) stated that to the extent an election to return EDRs is made, the election is for 12 months.

Mr. Fromer asked if an EDR would be subject to review if it had the ability to offer capacity but does not offer it. Ms. Kavanah stated that EDRs would be subject to the same review by the NYISO as is done for all market transactions.

Mr. Chris LaRoe (Brookfield) asked what rules apply to CRIS expiration for EDRs. Mr. Zach T. Smith explained that EDRs would be subject to the same three year CRIS expiration rules that apply to other resources with CRIS rights.

Mr. Mark Younger (Hudson Energy Economics) raised concerns about the overall market design effort for this project. Mr. Pike noted that the NYISO developed a proposal to address the current project (Queue No. 430 - the Cedar Rapid Transmission project) seeking CRIS rights, and has indicated its willingness to submit a project proposal into the project prioritization process for further efforts related to this initiative.

Mr. Leuthauser read the following statement:

HQUS has been engaged over the last 8 years with the NYISO stakeholder community to achieve an acceptable set of rules to enable the provision of incremental capacity into the Rest-of-State region. HQUS would like to thank the NYISO, its staff, and the stakeholders for their time devoted to this important issue. We think that the EDR proposed rules resolve a significant issue with the ICAP market that an external supplier is currently unable to obtain CRIS rights from incremental capacity that it funds. While the EDR rules do not solve all of the issues in the ICAP market, it is clear progress towards a more efficient and fair marketplace. Furthermore, HQUS believes the EDR proposed rules are well aligned with the January 31, 2017 FERC Order granting HQUS' tariff waiver, where FERC recognized that the waiver addresses a "concrete problem that needs to be remedied". We are encouraged today to see the tariff changes proposed by the NYISO which encompass many years of discussion and efforts, and hope stakeholders will join HQUS and support this significant improvement.

**Motion #1:**

The Business Issues Committee (BIC) hereby recommends that the Management Committee approve revisions to the NYISO's Open Access Transmission Tariff and Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff as described in the presentation entitled "CRIS for External-to-Rest of State Transmission Investment" and as discussed during the March 15, 2018 BIC meeting.

***Motion passed unanimously with abstentions.***

**4. 2017 CARIS Phase 1 Report**

Prior to reviewing the presentation included with the meeting material, Mr. Zach G. Smith (NYISO) provided a high-level overview of the Congestion Assessment and Resource Integration Study (CARIS) report and ongoing efforts to enhance the Comprehensive System Planning Process. Mr. Zach G. Smith highlighted the inclusion of scenarios in the CARIS study to address potential impacts related to future changes to the resource mix that may occur under the New York State Public Service Commission's Clean Energy Standard (*i.e.*, the "system resource shift" scenario). Mr. Zach G. Smith stated that the NYISO plans to utilize scenario analysis as part of planning studies to provide additional information to help inform the marketplace as to ongoing system changes. Mr. Zach G. Smith also noted that, in the coming months, the NYISO will commence a comprehensive review with stakeholders to identify enhancements and efficiency improvements to the current reliability, economic, and public policy planning processes.

Mr. Tim Duffy (NYISO) reviewed the presentation posted with the meeting material.

Mr. Lang asked about the timing assumed for retirement of Indian Point and coal units in the system resource shift scenario. Mr. Duffy stated retirement timing was based on publicly available information about the likely timing of these potential retirements.

Mr. Fromer asked why the system resource shift scenario does not address potential impacts of the "peaker rule" being contemplated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Duffy explained that the peaker rules was not included because the specifics of the rule were not known at the time the study assumption were finalized.

Mr. Lang raised questions regarding the resource mix assumptions utilized for the system resource shift scenario. Mr. Duffy explained that NYISO based its resource assumptions for achievement of the State's Clean Energy Standard (CES) on the information that was developed by the New York State Department of Public Service Staff as part of the CES proceeding.

Mr. Chris Wentlent (MEAU) asked whether the recently approved project selection in response to the Western New York Public Policy Transmission Planning Process (PPTPP) was included in the study. Mr. Duffy (NYISO) explained that because project selection had not been occurred at the time the assumptions for the Phase 1 CARIS analysis were finalized, the

project was not included. Mr. Duffy further noted that the project selected in response to the Western New York PPTPP but would be reflected in any Phase 2 analysis.

Mr. Lang asked whether the calculated cost-to-benefit ratios for generic projects include any externality costs, such as carbon emissions costs/savings. Mr. Duffy stated that the cost-to-benefit ratios are based solely on production cost savings and do not reflect externality costs/savings.

Mr. Wentlent asked whether the high gas price scenario reflects higher gas prices in all areas or just certain areas. Mr. Duffy state that the high gas price scenario assumes higher gas prices throughout the State.

Mr. Chris Hall (NYSERDA) asked whether inclusion of the “variant 1” metric for ICAP savings would result in benefit-to-cost ratio values greater than 1.0 for any of the generic solutions studied. Mr. Duffy stated that including those savings would not increase the calculated benefit-to-cost ratios above 1.0.

Mr. Fromer asked whether the benefit-to-cost analysis for the system resource shift scenario reflects the cost of obtaining the resources to meet the CES goal. Mr. Duffy stated the costs do not reflect the costs to develop resources to achieve the CES goal of providing 50% of the State’s energy requirements with renewable resources by 2030; these resource development costs are assumed as a sunk cost in the analysis.

**Motion #2:**

The Business Issues Committee (BIC) recommends that the Management Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the NYISO 2017 Congestion Assessment and Resource Integration Study Phase 1 Report (2017 CARIS Phase 1 Report) as presented by the NYISO to the BIC at its March 15, 2018 meeting. The 2017 CARIS Phase 1 Report was prepared by the NYISO in consultation with and subject to review by the Electric System Planning Working Group and the Transmission Planning Advisory Subcommittee.

***Motion passed unanimously.***

**5. Ancillary Services Manual Update: Automatic Fuel Swap Capability Testing**

Mr. Harris Miller (NYISO) reviewed the presentation posted with the meeting material.

Mr. Fromer asked whether any of the affected units had raised concerns regarding the proposed testing requirements. Mr. Miller stated that a change to permit operator-initiated switches to satisfy the testing requirement was included in response to feedback received by the NYISO.

**Motion #3:**

The Business Issues Committee (BIC) hereby approves the revisions to the Ancillary Services Manual as presented and discussed at the March 15, 2018 meeting.

***Motion passed unanimously with abstentions.***

**Working Group Updates**

- **BACWG:** The group met on February 23, 2018 and reviewed the standard accounting/settlement reports, an update on the North Zone redistricting project, and an update regarding the Electronic Quarterly Reports (EQR) data available through the NYISO's Decision Support System (DSS).
- **ESPWG:** The group has met four times since the last BIC meeting. The group met on February 22, 2018 and reviewed the preliminary schedule and potential scenarios for the 2018 Reliability Needs Assessment (RNA), and the 2017 CARIS Phase 1 study report. On March 1, 2018, the group met and reviewed the 2017 CARIS Phase 1 study report. The group also met on March 8, 2018 to review the NYISO's proposed compliance filing in response to FERC's 2/15/18 order related to Order No. 1000. On March 13, 2018, the group met and reviewed the 2018 preliminary long term energy and peak load forecasts including an update regarding economic projections related thereto, the schedule and potential scenarios for the 2018 RNA, as well as the preliminary topology and modeling assumption to be used for the

2018 RNA, and an overview of the key study assumptions for the Selkirk Cogeneration Partners Generator Deactivation Assessment.

- ICAPWG: The group has met three times since the last BIC meeting. On February 21, 2018, the group met jointly with MIWG and reviewed the NYISO's Management Response to the Analysis Group Performance Assurance study, and the proposal to provide CRIS rights for external transmission upgrades that provide incremental transfer capability into the Rest of State (ROS) capacity region. The group met on February 22, 2018 and reviewed an update to the Consumer Impact Analysis for the alternative methodology for determining Locational Minimum Installed Capacity Requirements (LCRs) project. The group also met jointly with MIWG on March 7, 2018 and reviewed the proposal to provide CRIS rights for external transmission upgrades that provide incremental transfer capability into the ROS capacity region, and a presentation by GE Energy Consulting related to its analysis for the alternative Locality Exchange Factor calculation methodology proposed by the New York Transmission Owners.
- EGCWG: The group has not met since the last BIC meeting.
- LFTF: The group has not met since the last BIC meeting.
- MIWG: The group has met three times since the last BIC meeting. The group met jointly with ICAPWG on February 21, 2018 and reviewed an overview regarding proposed modeling enhancements for the Niagara Power Plant, the Securing 100+ kV Transmission Facilities in the Market Model project, proposed rules for energy storage resources to provide Ancillary Services, the NYISO's Management Response to the Analysis Group Performance Assurance study, and a presentation regarding transmission shortage pricing rules in other ISO/RTO markets. The group also met on March 6, 2018 and reviewed proposed rules of Distributed Energy Resource (DER) aggregations, an update regarding more granular pricing in connection with the DER Roadmap initiatives, and proposed revisions to the Ancillary Services Manual related to automatic fuel swap testing requirements. On March 7, 2018, the group met jointly with ICAPWG and reviewed a presentation related to the potential development of a flexible ramping product.
- PRLWG: The group met jointly with MIWG on March 6, 2018 and reviewed the DER-related agenda topics.

## **8. New Business**

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.