

ESPWG Status Update

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ESPWG Status

- Last meeting 5/6/04
- Agenda dedicated to the Comprehensive planning process

Phase II: Comprehensive Process

May 6 Meeting

Discussions continue on Open issues

- Applicable Transmission Facilities for identification of reliability needs
 - Seems to be general agreement among the MP's on the NYISO proposed ATR Study list as an initial list
- Cost Allocation
 - Beneficiaries pay concept agreed to at a high level
 - Details will be left to continued discussions after the filing
 - » No near term reliability needs anticipated so we have time to work on details
- Cost Recovery
 - Still under discussion-resolution anticipated at 5/26 meeting
- Regulated Backstop Response issues
 - TO comments discussed at 5/6 meeting
 - Other Market Participant comments due on or before 5/21
 - Will bring to a resolution at 5/26 meeting

Schedule

- Next ESPWG meeting 5/26
- Goal is to finalize a recommendation for OC consideration at its June meeting
- Management Committee action expected at its July meeting