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NYISO VOTING PROCEDURES FOR REGULATED ECONOMIC TRANSMISSION PROJECTS

Reference: NYISO OATT, Attachment Y, Section 15.6

Section 15.6: Voting by Project Beneficiaries

Tariff Requirement: Section 15.6.a

Only Load Serving Entities defined as beneficiaries of a proposed project in accordance with the procedures in Section 15.4 of this Attachment Y shall be eligible to vote on a proposed project. The NYISO will, in conjunction with the ESPWG, develop procedures to determine the specific list of voting entities for each proposed project.

Procedure:

- **Specific List of Voting Entities:** The NYISO will develop the specific list of voting entities pursuant to Section 15.4.b of this Attachment Y and deliver the list to the ESPWG. The ESPWG will, at its first meeting following the receipt of the list, confirm the list as presented, or suggest modifications based on the criteria of Section 15.4.b. Following review by the ESPWG, such list shall be submitted to the BIC for approval. Such list will be final when confirmed by the BIC, subject to appeal under NYISO by-laws.

Tariff Requirement: Section 15.6.b

The voting share of each Load Serving Entity shall be weighted in accordance with its share of the total project benefits, as allocated by Section 15.4 of this Attachment Y.

Procedure:

- LSEs as used in this procedure are those LSEs that benefit from a project pursuant to Section 15.4.b.
- Zonal Benefit, zonal cost allocation, and other terms and formulas related to this procedure are discussed in the procedures for Sections 15.4.b (calculation of Zonal Benefit), 15.4.c (addressing load zones not benefiting from a proposed project) and 15.4.d (allocation of project costs to the load).
- Weighted zonal voting share of each LSE = (Zonal Benefits / Total Zonal Benefits for zones with positive net benefits) * (LSE Zonal MWh/Total Zonal MWh).

- Both the LSE Zonal MWh and the Total Zonal MWh are the same as those used for the allocation of the project costs to the beneficiaries performed pursuant to Section 15.4.d.
- If a Load Serving Entity benefits in more than one zone, the formula will be calculated for each zone of benefit and the total voting share of the Load Serving Entity will be the sum of such calculations.
 - The total voting share of each LSE = sum of the weighted zonal voting shares for each LSE.
 - The total voting share of each LSE will be calculated to two decimal places with no rounding.
- The sum of all total LSE voting shares must equal 1.00.

Tariff Requirement: Section 15.6.c

For a regulated economic transmission project to have its cost allocated under this Attachment Y, eighty (80) percent or more of the actual votes cast on a weighted basis must be cast in favor of implementing the project.

Procedure:

- Voting Metrics: sum of total voting shares cast in favor/sum of all total voting shares cast (either in favor or against) greater than or equal to .80.
- Abstentions will not be counted as votes cast.

Tariff Requirement: Section 15.6.d

If the project meets the required vote in favor of implementing the project, and the project is implemented, all beneficiaries, including those voting “no,” will pay their proportional share of the cost of the project.

Procedure:

- The Chair of the BIC will oversee voting.
- Upon finalization of the specific list of voting LSEs, the BIC, supported by NYISO staff, will send voting materials related to the particular project by electronic mail directed to the Customer Relations main contact and the MC representative of each voting entity of the related specific list.
- Voting materials related to a particular project will include the time, date, location and telephone dial-in information of the voting session as well as a description of the project to be voted on, the specific list of voting LSEs and the calculations of the weighted voting share of each voting LSE.
- No voting session shall take place earlier than 5 Business days following the distribution by the BIC of voting materials related to the project to be voted on.
- Voting sessions will take place directly following a meeting of the BIC.
- All projects proposed for a particular CARIS cycle will be voted upon on the same day.

- Projects will be voted upon in descending order based on their benefit/cost ratio; the project with the largest benefit/cost ratio will be voted on first.
 - The LSEs voting on each project will vote in an order determined by lottery conducted prior to each project vote.
 - The voting results of each project will be announced directly after the voting of each project.
- Prior to each vote, the NYISO staff will present the project and voting materials.
- Votes will be taken by roll call from the specific list of voting LSEs.
- Voice votes can be cast in person or by telephone during the voting session.
- LSEs voting against the project must submit in writing to the NYISO their rationale for their vote within 30 days of the date the vote is taken.
- NYISO staff will record the vote, and will calculate and report the results of the vote. The Chair of the BIC will announce the results of the vote.
- If no LSE votes on a proposed project, the project will be deemed to be rejected.