

NYISO Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting

October 20, 2004
NYISO Washington Ave –Albany, NY

Draft Minutes

Of the twenty-fourth meeting of the New York Independent System Operator Electric System Planning Working Group held October 20, 2004 at NYISO in Albany, NY.

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.

Review of Notes of July 15th Meeting

The ESPWG Meeting minutes from the September 15th meeting were approved and will be posted to the NYISO website.

Power Gem Update

Mr. Mitsche updated the group on congestion reporting. He stated all results are calculated using unmitigated bids. The purpose for this is to facilitate year to year comparisons. The group had a lengthy discussion on the benefits of using mitigated versus unmitigated bids. Mr. Bush stated using unmitigated bids does not reflect the reality of the system. Mr. Rufrano explained that Power Gem is putting forth a process to show trends from year to year, the numbers won't have any other meaning. Mr. Younger requested that if unmitigated bids are used, Power Gem include with the report an explanation of why the numbers don't represent reality. Mr. Reed stated mitigated bids must be used to accurately reflect the data as it existed. Mr. Palazzo requested the group give him a sense of how they wanted Power Gem to continue and they agreed that Mr. Mitsche will continue using mitigated bids.

PSC Role in CRP Process

Ms. Barney addressed the group regarding the PSC screening process for reviewing alternative regulated proposals and dispute resolution process. ESPWG members are requested to send comments to the PSC by the end of October. The PSC will bring a straw proposal to ESPWG at the December meeting for review and comments. The group requested Ms. Barney investigate whether the PSC would entertain a formal comment option. Mr. Buechler reviewed the FERC letter seeking clarification on dispute resolution; he stated a draft response will be circulated to ESPWG.

Comprehensive Reliability Planning Process

The group reviewed the Market Participant's comments on the NYISO's straw proposals for implementation requirements for the Comprehensive Reliability Planning Process. The following were covered. ESPWG's comments will be incorporated and distributed to the group prior to the November meeting.

- Procedures/timeline for the planning process
- Qualifications for valid market-based responses
- Criteria for monitoring market-based and regulated projects
- Criteria for determining the cut-off date for market solutions
- Criteria for halting a regulated project

Consideration of Economic Planning Issues

The group discussed their desire to coordinate efforts with PJM and ISO-NE. Mr. Buechler will prepare a straw proposal to facilitate discussions at the November meeting. Market Participant comments are requested by the end of October.

Action Items

1. NYISO to put information on Historical Congestion package together for ESPWG to review at the next meeting and to bring to the OC.
2. Diane Barney to bring feedback to next meeting regarding formal comment option.
3. ESPWG members to send comments to PSC on screening process by 11/1/04
4. Jim Mitsche to look at mitigated & unmitigated bids.
5. ESPWG members to send comments on economic planning strawman to John Buechler by 11/1/04.

Future Meeting Dates

The next two ESPWG meetings will be held on November 16, and December 1 at the NYISO, Albany, NY.