

NYISO Committee Bylaws Proposal: Proposed changes to Participation Rules

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By-Laws Subcommittee Meeting

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- A request by RTO Insider was presented
 - Under the current Management Committee (MC) By-Law rules, members of the media and public may attend meetings on an in-person basis subject to conditions outlined under
 - MC By-Laws Section 4.16
 - On occasion, meetings are scheduled as conference calls and members of the media that would otherwise be able to cover the meeting are unable to dial in.
 - Rich Heidorn Jr., editor and publisher of The RTO Insider, has asked that the By-Laws Subcommittee consider amending the By-Laws to allow members of the media to participate by telephone subject to certain conditions and guidelines

By-Laws Review and Recommendations

- The By-Laws committee should take this opportunity to review the current rules and address:
 - Whether non-Members should be permitted to attend MC, OC or BIC subcommittees, task forces, or working groups
 - Requirements for press in attendance at MC, OC or BIC to quote a Member representative or NYISO staff
 - Consequences for non-conformance with By-Laws

By-Laws Review and Recommendations

Level of participation – attendance at committees, subcommittees, task forces, and/or working groups

- For discussion – Allow the press and the public to attend the MC, OC and BIC meetings in person
- Allow press to attend MC, OC and BIC meetings by phone when the meetings are scheduled as a teleconference only
- Restrict attendance at all lower-level committees and working groups to Member representatives, NYISO staff and invited guests, but give MC, OC and BIC the ability to vote to allow broader (non-Member) participation at specific lower-level committees and working groups that have traditionally been, or are intended to be open to non-Members (*e.g.*, EG CWG, IPPTF)

Ability of press attending MC, OC, BIC to quote a representative of a Member or NYISO staff

- For discussion – Do not allow Member representatives or NYISO staff to be quoted unless the quoted individual's permission is first obtained

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Consequences of violation of revised By-Laws

- For discussion – Violation of By-Laws can result in barring of one or more persons and/or the company or organization they work for (or that publishes their work) from attending future MC/OC/BIC meetings

Attribute	MC, OC, BIC Level	Subcommittee, Task Force, Working Group
Level of participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to allow the public to attend in-person Revise rules to permit members of the press to attend by phone when MC, OC or BIC is scheduled as a teleconference 	Restrict attendance to Members and invited guests. Give MC, OC, BIC the ability to authorize broader attendance
Ability to quote a Member representative or NYISO staff	Quote with permission from person being quoted	N/A
Consequences for non-conformance	Restrict attendance on going-forward basis	N/A

Next Steps

- April BIC/OC – Informational Update
- Mid April – By-Laws teleconference to present finalized proposal and associated By-Laws language changes
- May Business Issues Committee, and Operating Committee – Request Approval
- May Management Committee – Request Approval