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**NYISO Management Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 29, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

The chair of the Management Committee (MC), Mr. Chris Wentlent (MEUA), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by welcoming the members of the MC. Members identified themselves and the attendance was recorded. A quorum was determined.

**2. Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2021**

The draft meeting minutes from August 20, 2021 were presented for approval.

**Motion #1:**

Motion to approve the draft August 20, 2021 Management Committee meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

**3. NYISO CEO-COO Report**

Mr. Rich Dewey (NYISO) provided an update on the NYISO return to in-person stakeholder meetings. He noted that while the NYISO is very anxious to resume in person meetings, after observing three weeks of higher infection rates, the decision was made to push the start of meetings to early November. Mr. Dewey noted that the NYISO is continually tracking the rates and will keep everyone posted if the situation changes.

Mr. Rick Gonzales (NYISO) provided the Market Performance Highlights and Operations report (included with meeting material).

**4. NYISO 2021 Hot Weather Operations**

Mr. Wes Yeomans (NYISO) provided an update (presentation included with meeting material). Included in his report were recommendations from the Operations Department on summer operations, details on the four hot weather periods, and demand response activations.

Recommendations from Summer 2021 included:

- In the future, assumptions related to generator unavailability will need to be developed to maintain reliability as the fleet transitions to include more intermittent and duration limited energy resources.
- Given the significant amount of supply resource unavailability observed on high load days for Summer 2021, the Operations Department believes a comprehensive assessment of all supply resource types is appropriate for the evaluation of Transmission Security Needs

In response to a question about whether NYISO would consider the age and condition of facilities in addition to fuel source, Mr. Yeomans stated that the study will look at generation and expected performance during time periods of tight conditions; understanding what the expected performance is going to be based on historical performance and resource types, and what we expect renewable performance to be going forward.

Mr. Kevin Lang (City of NY) said that since NYISO is trying to understand what the potential availability is going forward, in addition to looking at historical performance, he suggested that NYISO look at some of the projections from its studies on impact of climate change, such as what can happen during hot weather, storms, etc., so that you look at projections of what you think will change going forward.

Mr. Wentlent thanked Mr. Yeomans, stating that he appreciated the amount of detail covered.

#### **5. External Affairs & Corporate Communications Outreach and Engagement**

Mr. Kevin Lanahan (NYISO) provided an overview on recent communication and education efforts that the External Affairs and Corporate Communications team developed to reach out to targeted external audiences, including lawmakers, policymakers, media and opinion leaders (presentation included with meeting material).

Mr. Lanahan said it became apparent from feedback at the 2021 June Joint Board and Management Committee meeting that, while the NYISO had done a good job putting material and information out to target audiences, such as policy and lawmakers, some stakeholders were not aware of the outreach efforts, tools and platforms that are already in place. Stakeholders also felt that the NYISO needed to increase engagement with lawmakers and policy makers on the theme of reliability and the implementation of the CLCPA, provide more education on how the system operates, and create a broader and sharper 2022 public affairs outreach program.

Mr. Lanahan provided an overview of the various External Affairs groups and the role the department has in engaging with stakeholders, policymakers on the state and federal level, and key business and advocacy groups. He noted that the department takes great pride in being the authoritative source of information in providing information on how the markets work, what the industry changes are that are impacting the markets, reliability, changes in operations, impacts of additional public policy, and distilling down technical complex documents into easily understood takeaways.

Mr. Lanahan highlighted key areas of interest on the NYISO public website and social media channels, including LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube, and also provided details on the NYISO's social media presence, engagement and growth.

Ms. Erin Hogan (UIU) stated that educating people is helpful but acknowledging there are trade-offs and helping people understand which tradeoffs are the least imperfect in a reliable cost effective fashion is important.

Mr. Lanahan expressed his appreciation for the feedback and noted that he would report back to Management Committee members periodically on the NYISO's communication outreach efforts.

#### **6. NYISO 2022 Draft Budget Overview**

Mr. Alan Ackerman (CES and Chair of BPWG) presented. He thanked Ms. Cheryl Hussey (NYISO) and Mr. Patrick Kelly (NYISO) and the NYISO team for their efforts on the budget. Mr. Ackerman noted that the presentation would also be provided at the BPWG meeting, following MC. There were no questions on the presentation.

#### **7. Uneconomic Production and Uneconomic Withdrawal**

Mr. Zach Stines (NYISO) presented proposed tariff revisions for discussion and vote (presentation included with meeting material).

In response to questions from Mr. Howard Fromer (Bayonne Energy) and Mr. Mark Younger (Hudson Energy Economics) about whether the NYISO's filing letter to FERC will highlight that the NYISO is aware of potential gas pricing issues that could result in Generator offers appearing to violate the proposed uneconomic production conduct threshold, Mr. James Sweeney stated that the NYISO expects these situations to be fact-dependent and to be resolved through the consultation process. Mr. Sweeney also confirmed that the NYISO will discuss these circumstances in its filing letter.

Mr. Liam Baker (Eastern Generation) asked for clarification regarding whether the NYISO would account for testing requirements, during which a generator may be required to operate at specified levels during specified periods, in assessing whether uneconomic production has occurred. Mr. Shaun Johnson (NYISO) stated that performing required testing is relevant, and the NYISO would account for the facts and circumstances applicable to the conduct in question.

Mr. Dave Clarke (LIPA) stated that LIPA opposed this at BIC and will vote against it again at today's MC. LIPA thinks that this really is sanctions against self-scheduling to the extent it has a large impact. With the thresholds proposed, this is mostly not going to be an issue per his assessment. Self-scheduling can be the right answer, particularly in circumstances where real time unit commitment and transactions scheduling is suboptimal relative to real-time dispatch or with respect to the actual real-time dispatch. The need is heightened by systematic differences between RTC and RTD including external transactions, ramping assumptions and some of the other things Potomac Economics has identified. LIPA thinks here it would be a more complicated consultation in that circumstance. The general principle is that sometimes self-scheduling can be the correct answer and that is really the essence of LIPA's opposition.

#### **Motion #2**

The Management Committee ("MC") hereby approves revisions to the Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff as more fully described in the presentation titled "Uneconomic Production and Uneconomic Withdrawal" made to the MC on September 29, 2021 and recommends that the NYISO Board of Directors authorize NYISO staff to file such revisions under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act. The motion passed by a majority show of hands with an abstention.

#### **8. Meteorological Data Reporting Exemption for Small Solar Generators**

Mr. Tolu Dina (NYISO) provided presented proposed tariff revisions for discussion and vote (presentation included with meeting material). There were no questions.

#### **Motion #3**

The Management Committee ("MC") hereby approves changes to the Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff as more fully described in the presentation titled "Meteorological Data Exemption for Small Solar Generators" made to the MC on September 29, 2021 and recommends that the NYISO Board of Directors authorize NYISO staff to file such revisions under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act. The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

#### **9. New Business**

There was no new business. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.