

DRAFT**NYISO Management Committee Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**

1. Introductions, Meeting Objectives, and Chair's Report

The Chair of the Management Committee (MC) Ms. Dana Lazarus (Con Edison), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by welcoming the members of the MC.

2. CEO/COO Report

Mr. Rich Dewey (NYISO) wished a happy holiday season to everyone. In addition, Mr. Dewey acknowledged and thanked everyone for an outstanding 2023, noting that it was an incredibly busy and productive year. There were no questions or comments.

Ms. Emilie Nelson (NYISO) reviewed the CEO/COO Report presentation included with the meeting materials.

Mr. Liam Baker (Eastern Generation) requested clarification on where the Farragut 345 kV substation tripped line event occurred on December 14th; whether it was initiated at the Farragut substation or at the generator.

Ms. Emilie Nelson (NYISO) responded by stating that, it is our understanding that the initiating event was at the Farragut substation, but we look forward to more details as the investigation unfolds.

3. Con Edison Appeal to the Management Committee of Operating Committee Approval of SRIS Scope: Queensboro Renewable Express Circuit A Project

Because Con Edison brought the appeal, Ms. Dana Lazarus (Con Edison) recused herself and Mr. Glen Haake (Invenergy), Vice-Chair of the Management Committee, presided as Chair for this matter.

Mr. Vijay Bondada (Con Edison) and Mr. Walter Alvarado (Con Edison) reviewed the presentation included with the meeting materials.

Mr. Vijay Bondada (Con Edison) stated that Con Edison is appealing the Operating Committee's (OC's) approval of a study scope for the System and Reliability Impact Study for the Queensboro Renewable Express project. He explained that Con Edison does not object to the project itself and recognizes its benefits of meeting New York's clean energy objectives. In addition, Mr. Bondada stated that the single issue of the appeal is Con Edison's concern that the study scope does not clearly define which facilities are system upgrade facilities versus attachment facilities.

Mr. Bondada stated that Con Edison raised several reliability concerns related to the project that need to be addressed before the SRIS can proceed, and that the approved study scope does not adequately address Con Edison's concerns.

Mr. Walter Alvarado (Con Edison) stated that as we transition to the interconnection process required by FERC Order 2023, it will be more important than ever that we get these study scopes to the forefront, as both Con Edison and the NYISO will be under time pressure to complete these studies in a limited amount of time.

Mr. Zach Smith (NYISO) stated that the NYISO appreciates the discussion and acknowledges the concerns expressed by Con Edison. He reminded attendees that the NYISO does not have a vote in the matter, but the NYISO's position is to support the scope as approved by the Operating Committee (OC) on November 16th and the NYISO does not agree that the relief granted by this appeal is necessary. He stated that the NYISO believes that the scope approved by the Operating Committee (OC) is compliant with the tariff, consistent with standard practice for the executing of SRISs, and granting the appeal would result in unnecessary work and delay. Identification and designation of CTO attachment facilities and system upgrade facilities will be completed during the course of the study and elective System Upgrade Facilities (SUFs) have been identified in the study scope, as specified by the developer. To address the concern raised by Con Edison, language was added to the SRIS scope to clarify these circumstances.

Mr. Jim D'Andrea (Rise Light) stated that this interconnection, and what Rise Queensboro and Ravenswood do at this site, will comply with the New York ISO and Con Edison reliability criteria. In addition, Mr. D'Andrea made a commitment that Rise Light will make sure this interconnection complies with New York ISO and Con Edison reliability criteria.

Mr. Kevin Lang (Couch White) asked Mr. Alvarado (Con Edison) for clarification on how a designation affects Con Edison's ability to serve its customers.

Mr. Walter Alvarado (Con Edison) stated that classification of the new substation, which is designated as Ravenswood 345, is critical as it is designated as the point of interconnect. He noted whether that facility is an SUF or an attachment facility impacts its design criteria as well as who operates the facility. Mr. Alvarado explained that if the new substation were designated as an attachment facility, Con Edison would not operate that substation, but rather, potentially another operator could impact service between Rainey and Vernon, and then downstream substations that serve customers in both Manhattan and Queens.

Mr. Lang asked for clarification on if there is standard set of rules on how to operate the system, and if it is typical for a developer to design aspects of their project to two different standards.

Mr. Alvarado stated that Con Edison does have standardized rules, but from a design perspective, our criteria are some of the strictest in the nation from the perspective as an attachment facility. He notes that a developer would not be obligated to design to the Con Edison criteria, and introducing a third-party operator between two of our substations would impact Con Edison's rapid ability to coordinate and restoration in emergency situations.

Ms. Susan LoFrumento (Con Edison) responded to Mr. Lang by stating that attachment facilities are typically not relied upon to serve local load, and that such facilities are not typically built to Con Edison's standards.

Dr. Mayer Sasson (Con Edison) stated that he does not feel that there was adequate discussion on the issues raised prior to the vote conducted when the Operating Committee approved the scope of the study. Mr. Smith stated that the NYISO feels that adequate review and discussion was held regarding the study scope prior to the approval at the OC, including at the Transmission Planning Advisory Subcommittee (TPAS) and in separate discussions between the NYISO, Con Edison, and the developer.

Mr. Glenn Haake (Invenergy) asked for clarification on next steps for moving forward from an approved study scope.

Mr. Smith responded to Mr. Haake stating that the purpose of the SRIS is to identify reliability concerns and system upgrade facilities that are necessary to integrate the project that is the subject of the study. He stated that the process produces a draft report that is ultimately delivered to stakeholders. Discussions are held throughout the process to address any concerns from the developer, from the connecting TOs, and

from any other affected systems.

Mr. Bondada thanked Mr. Smith for his comments and was appreciative to know that there will be extensive discussions. He noted that the reason for the appeal was to make a record that Con Edison had a difference of opinion and did not feel that the CTO's input was adequately considered.

Mr. Mike Mager (Couch White) asked for clarification on how Con Edison can perform its SRIS responsibilities without knowing whether these facilities are SUFs or attachment facilities.

Mr. Smith responded to Mr. Mager stating that the objective of every SRIS study is to identify attachment facilities and system upgrade facilities, starting with a conceptual one-line diagram for the project that is used to preliminarily designate those facilities. The process is iterative, where then the study results inform further identification and determination of the system upgrade facilities. He noted ultimately in the end, SRIS's are non-binding, it is still just a preliminary finding, but the facility identification is a core part of the study itself. It has never been something that has been identified directly in the scope, it is part of the study.

Ms. Doreen Saia (Greenberg Traurig) commented that if we try to pre-designate facilities, then what you are doing is limiting how you do your study.

Mr. Lang stated that if Con Edison is looking to achieve change on how these interconnection studies are done in the future, that they should go through the working group process, and not through an appeal.

Ms. Saia agreed with Mr. Lang's comment and suggested that there might need to be tariff modifications or process changes in the future to address Con Edison's concerns.

Mr. Mark Younger (Hudson Economics) commented that the New York ISO has a tariff and that it should follow that tariff. He added that if stakeholders are asking for things that are inconsistent with the tariff, then the proper process is to propose to revise the tariff, and not to try to change a SRIS scope that was developed consistent with the existing requirements of the tariff.

Dr. Sasson stated that he believes that the tariff does not go into detail, specifically on where the designation of attachment facilities and SUFs need to happen.

Motion #1:

The Management Committee ("MC") hereby: (i) grants the modified appeal by Con Edison of the NYISO Operating Committee's approval of the Q1493 Queensboro Renewable Express Circuit A SRIS Scope on November 16, 2023, as more fully described in the Notice of Modified Appeal of Con Edison submitted to the MC on December 13, 2023; and (ii) accepts the SRIS Scope, but requires the NYISO to define, and the OC to approve, this characterization before the SRIS can proceed.

Motion failed with 23.31% affirmative votes.

4. New Business

Mr. Cinadr stated that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) 2023 Long-Term Reliability Assessment was released on December 13, and suggested to everyone if given the opportunity to read and review the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.