Operating Committee July 18, 2024 **WebEx** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1. Administrative Matters

Mr. Greg Yozzo (Central Hudson, OC Chair) called the meeting to order. Meeting participants announced themselves and there was a quorum.

Motion #1:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the meeting minutes from June 21, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

2. Operations Report – June 2024

Mr. Aaron Markham (NYISO) reviewed the Operations Report included with the meeting material and provided a verbal update on recent warm weather operations.

NYSRC Update

Mr. Chris Wentlent (MEUA, NYSRC Chair) provided an update. The EC approved the 2025 budget and its 2025 meeting schedule. It also approved the IRM assumptions matrix and guidance document for exceptions.

3. Ancillary Services Manual Updates

Mr. Raj Dontireddy (NYISO) reviewed the presentation included with the meeting material.

Motion #2:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves revisions to the Ancillary Services Manual as described in the presentation made to the OC on July 18, 2024. *The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.*

4. Moses South Stability Limit Analysis Report

Mr. Dontireddy reviewed the presentation included with the meeting material.

Motion #3:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Moses South Stability Limit Analysis draft report as presented and discussed at the OC meeting on July 18, 2024. *The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.*

5. Interconnection Study Scope

<u>Q#1465 Digihost Load SIS Scope</u>

The developer provided a brief description of the project. Mr. Prasad Shinde (NYISO) reviewed the study scope included with the meeting material.

Motion #4:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Q#1465 Digihost Load

Interconnection System Impact Study scope as presented and discussed at the July 18, 2024 OC meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

6. Interconnection Study Reports

Q#1146 Champlain Solar SRIS Report

The developer provided a brief description of the project. Mr. Shinde reviewed the study report findings included with the meeting material.

Ms. Marie Chesnick (NYSEG) read the following statement:

After an internal review, NYSEG has serious concerns about the feasibility of this project. The concern is that the necessary Protection & Control additions are not physically feasible at the current NYSEG Comstock Substation due to insufficient space and no possibility to expand.

NYSEG proposed the following remedy:

- The NG POI Station scope should be expanded to include new NYSEGdedicated facilities to replace the existing Comstock Sub.
- Establish a position on the POI Station 115kV ring bus to connect one new 37MVA Autotransformer, 115-34.5kV, with LTC.
- Include one new 34.5kV breaker line terminal and 34.5kV line extension to connect to the existing 34.5kV L626 at the current exit from Comstock Sub.
- The NYSEG facilities should be in a dedicated substation area with a dedicated NYSEG control house.
- Retire the existing NYSEG Comstock Sub facilities.
- This plan eliminates the breaker failure issue raised in the Study.

NYISO noted NYSEG's concerns and agreed to include them in the meeting minutes, but advised that such comments at this late stage cannot be reflected in the report which has already been reviewed and recommended for OC approval by the TPAS. NYISO advised that the Developer has been made aware of the infeasibility concerns raised by NYSEG. NYISO further advised that the SRIS is non-binding and for information only. The Developer may resubmit the project in the Cluster Study with or without modifications for further evaluation in the Transition Cluster Study.

Motion #5a:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Q#1146 Champlain Solar Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study report as presented and discussed at the July 18, 2024 OC meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands with an abstention from NYSEG.

Q#1238 Harvest Hills Solar 2 SRIS Report

The developer provided a brief description of the project. Mr. Shinde reviewed the study report findings included with the meeting material.

Motion #5b:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Q#1238 Harvest Hills Solar 2 Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study report as presented and discussed at the July 18, 2024 OC meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

Q#1316 Bay Breeze Solar SRIS Report

The developer provided a brief description of the project. Mr. Shinde reviewed the study report findings included with the meeting material.

Motion #5c:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Q#1316 Bay Breeze Solar Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study report as presented and discussed at the July 18, 2024 OC meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

Q#1382 OW Ocean Winds East 7 SRIS Report

The developer provided a brief description of the project. Mr. Shinde reviewed the study report findings included with the meeting material.

Motion #5d:

The Operating Committee (OC) hereby approves the Q#1382 OW Ocean Wind East 7 Interconnection System Reliability Impact Study report as presented and discussed at the July 18, 2024 OC meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

7. Subcommittee and Working Group Updates

- **CDAS** Mr. Kirk Dixon (NYISO) reported that CDAS met last week. There were no items on the agenda that advanced to the OC.
- **ESPWG** Mr. Dixon reported that ESPWG met once since the last meeting as a joint meeting with TPAS. The NYTOs discussed proposed changes to the NYISO's CEII protection requirements, PSEG Long Island presented updates to their interconnection documents, NY Transco provided an update on their AC Transmission Segment B project, the group reviewed the interconnection study scopes and reports discussed at the OC today, received updates to the Class Year and EDS study and the NYISO presented on two recently posted draft technical bulletins re: overview of the cluster study process and Commercial Operation Data extensions. The next meeting is scheduled on July 25, 2024, but it likely to be cancelled due to lack of agenda topics.
- **SOAS** Mr. Kirk Dixon (NYISO) reported that SOAS met early this month and reviewed the operations reports, the updates to the Ancillary Services Manual and the Moses South stability limit analysis report.
- **TPAS** None

8. New Business

Mr. Thinh Nguyen (NYISO) stated that as a reminder, the Transition Cluster Study Application Window opens on August 1 and some forms related to the new process are available on the NYISO website. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is on Thursday, August 15, 2024.