

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

# Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

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November 17, 2023

## Agenda & Attendance

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- Welcome, Agenda, Roll Call
- Upcoming Events
- Planning the Year Ahead
- Discussion Areas for ExCom
- Other Discussion Areas
- Close

Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members

## Upcoming Events

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- EDC Technical Sessions
  - **DONE: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**
    - Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88383523207>
  - **Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.**
    - Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85094834566>

# Reminder of ESMP Review Timeline

## September

M	T	W	Th	F
				1 Receive ESMPs
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29 X

## October

M	T	W	Th	F
2 Equity Working Group meeting	3	4	5	6
9 Holiday	10 Equity Working Group meeting	11	12	13 CETWG coordination meeting
16	17	18	19	20
23 Equity Working Group meeting	24	25	26	27 X

## November

M	T	W	Th	F
30 Public Listening Session	31	1 Public Listening Session	2	3 Equity Working Group meeting
6	7	8	9	10 Holiday
13	14	15 EDC Technical Session	16	17 WE ARE HERE
20 Feedback to EDCs	21	22	23 Holiday	24
27	28 EDC Technical Session	29	30	

- Scheduled GMAC Meetings
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- ExCom Meeting
- Public Listening Session
- CETWG coordination meeting

- Holiday
- EDC Technical Session
- Equity Working Group meeting

## GMAC Meeting Discussion Plan

- **9/14:** Stakeholder Engagement, Current State, 5–10-year forecast (Chapters 3, 4, 5)
- **9/28:** 5–10-year solutions, Reliable & Resilient, Workforce, Economic, & Health Benefits (Chapters 6, 10, 12)
- **10/12:** 2035-2050 Drivers and Solution, Gas-Electric Planning (Chapters 8, 9, 11)
- **10/26:** Executive Summary, Climate Act Compliance, 5-year ESMP, Conclusion (Chapters 1, 2, 7, 13)
- **11/9:** Discuss draft recommendations
- **11/16:** Finalize recommendations

# Planning the Year Ahead

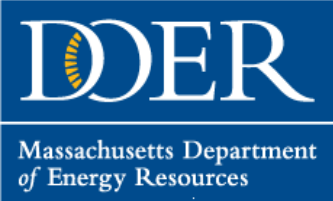
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Last time, ExCom discussed a ~quarterly schedule for future GMAC meetings

- **December 14, 2023, 1-4 PM (scheduled)**
  - Reactions to EDC Technical Sessions
  - Review of the 2023 GMAC process
  - Considering 2024-2027 GMAC process
  - New Leaf presentation on recommendations to the DPU on ESMP process
- **February 2024**
  - EDC presentation on January 29, 2024 ESMP filing to the DPU
- **June/July 2024**
  - Discuss briefs that were submitted to the DPU
- **September 2024**
  - GMAC meeting after DPU releases ESMP Order
  - Discuss next steps for GMAC

## Questions:

- How long should the meetings run?
- What topics should we consider
- How should the GMAC Consultant support?



# ESMP Docket

## Procedural Schedule

- Provided by the DPU on 11/14/2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Monday, January 29, 2024	ESMP filings submitted to Department
Tuesday, January 30, 2024	Petitions to intervene (General Track) due Discovery (General Track) commences <sup>4</sup>
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Responses to (General Track) petitions to intervene due
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Petitions to intervene (Alternate Track) due
Friday, February 16, 2024	Responses to (Alternate Track) petitions to intervene due
Upon Department ruling on petition to intervene	Discovery (Alternate Track) commences
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Pre-hearing statements <sup>5</sup> (General Track) due
Friday, March 1, 2024	EDCs' first discovery logs due
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Intervenor testimony (General Track) due Pre-hearing statements (Alternate Track) due
Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.	Virtual Public Hearings <sup>6</sup>
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Intervenor Testimony (Alternate Track) due
Monday, March 25, 2024	Deadline to issue discovery
Monday, April 1, 2024	Final discovery responses due EDCs' updated discovery logs due
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	Deadline for EDCs to submit exhibit lists
Monday, April 8, 2024, through Friday, April 26, 2024	Evidentiary hearings <sup>7</sup>
To Be Determined	Briefing

# December GMAC Meeting

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The following topics were brought up on the November 9<sup>th</sup> GMAC meeting for further discussion.

- **Review GMAC Process & Recommendations to DPU on Future Process:**
  - Review of the 2023 GMAC process
  - Considering 2024-2027 GMAC process
  - New Leaf presentation on recommendations to the DPU on ESMP process
- **EWG Charter Extension:**
  - The EWG Charter set a 4-month subcommittee term (Sept. 2023- Dec. 2023). To continue the EWG beyond December 2023, the Charter would need to be amended.
  - Do ExCom members think the EWG should be extended? If so, how often should it meet?
- **Consultant Role:**
  - In 2024, the GMAC consultants are available to support the GMAC in strategic planning, ESMP docket review, and more.
  - What roles do ExCom members envision for the GMAC consultants?
- **Rate Design Working Group:**
  - The GMAC was interested in discussing rate design and customer impacts in detail prior to submitting broad recommendations.
  - Who should be on this group? How often should it meet?

## Other Discussion Areas

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- GMAC Consultant Update
  - Submitted budget to DPU
  - DOER is awaiting DPU Order after DOER responded to questions from DPU
- **Any other issues or items the Executive Committee would like to discuss?**



## Close and Next Steps

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- Next Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, December 22, 2023, from 2-3:30 PM.
  - Propose canceling this meeting.
  - When would you like to meet next?