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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

September 29, 2023

Agenda & Attendance

- Welcome, Agenda, Roll Call
- Upcoming Events
- Question Areas on Process
- ESMP Review Process Check
- Equity Working Group Update
- Other Discussion Areas
- Close

Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members

Upcoming Events

- **Coordination with CETWG – Joint GMAC/CETWG Meeting**
 - 10/13 CETWG meeting topic to focus on distribution system
 - GMAC members will receive a Zoom panelist invite for this meeting from the DPU on 10/10
 - Any questions or comments on the joint meeting?

- **Listening Sessions**
 - Two sessions have been scheduled with language interpretation services available on an as-needed basis.
 - Monday 10/30 at 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 - Wednesday 11/1 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM
 - Please let your stakeholders know.
 - Any questions or comments on the listening sessions?

Question Areas on Process for ExCom

- Is there an update from the EDCs on the when their technical sessions will be held?
- The EDCs plan to provide their metrics to the GMAC for review on 10/1. How should the GMAC plan to review these?
- When should the GMAC discuss “What is being approved/modified/denied by the DPU in the adjudicated process?”
 - Recommendation to discuss alongside Chapter 2 on 10/26 (Climate Act Compliance)
- Does the ExCom have any comments or suggestions to improve the GMAC review process?
- How are we doing with GMAC member fatigue?
- Are there ways that the GMAC consultant could be supporting the GMAC review process better?

ESMP Review Process Check (1/4)

September

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- } Scheduled GMAC Meetings
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- X** ExCom Meeting
- Oct. 30 & Nov. 1st Listening Sessions
- CETWG coordination meeting
- Equity Working Group meetings

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

ESMP Review Process Check (2/4)

October 12th

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| 1:00 – 1:15 | Administrative Items |
| 1:15 – 1:55 | Continued Day 2 Discussion |
| 1:55 – 2:30 | Section 8: 2035 - 2050 Policy Drivers |
| 2:30 – 2:40 | BREAK |
| 2:40 – 3:20 | Section 9: 2035 - 2050 Solution Set |
| 3:20 – 3:57 | Section 11: Gas-Electric Planning |
| 3:57 – 4:00 | Close |

- ~40 minutes for each Section
- 10 mins consultant
 - 30 mins discussion
 - Continued Day 2 discussion to include check on findings

October 26th

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| 1:00 – 1:15 | Administrative Items |
| 1:15 – 1:55 | Continued Day 3 Discussion & Overall Thoughts |
| 1:55 – 2:30 | Section 7: 5-Year ESMP |
| 2:30 – 2:40 | BREAK |
| 2:40 – 3:20 | Section 13: Conclusion |
| 3:20 – 3:57 | Section 1 & 2: Executive Summary & Climate Act Compliance |
| 3:57 – 4:00 | Close |

- ~40 minutes for each Section
- 10 mins consultant
 - 30 mins discussion
 - Continued Day 3 discussion to include check on findings and overall thoughts of ESMPs

November 9th

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| 1:00 – 1:20 | Administrative Items |
| 1:00 – 1:20 | Consultant Update |
| 1:20 – 2:20 | Draft Recommendations: Sec. 1 - 7 |
| 2:20 – 2:30 | BREAK |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | Draft Recommendations: Sec. 8 - 13 |
| 3:30 – 3:50 | Draft Revisions |
| 3:50 – 4:00 | Close |

- Draft Recommendations Review
- Include discussion time for Equity Working Group recommendations

November 16th

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| 1:00 – 1:20 | Administrative Items |
| 1:00 – 1:20 | Consultant Update |
| 1:20 – 2:20 | Final Recommendations: Sec. 1 - 7 |
| 2:20 – 2:30 | BREAK |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | Final Recommendations: Sec. 8 - 13 |
| 3:30 – 3:50 | Final Revisions |
| 3:50 – 4:00 | Close |

Final Recommendations Vote

ESMP Review Process Check (3/4)

- We propose adding an additional column to the aggregated feedback sheet that allows GMAC members to add their support or disagreement to submitted feedback.
- Is the Excel sheet useful for collecting feedback and recommendations?
- What do we envision for the voting process?

| Grid Modernization Advisory Council ESMP Review Aggregated Recommendations | | | | | | | | | |
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| Feedback Pertaining to Review Meeting #1: September 14, 2023 (Sections 3, 4, and 5). Submitted September 22, 2023 | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>submitted in accordance with current GMAC process, reserving the right to add, amend, or withdraw recommendations based on further review and other developments, including but not limited to GMAC review and meetings and other members' recommendations.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Subsection | Page Number | Area of Concern | Issue Area | Guiding Question | Recommendation or Question | Additional Comment | GMAC Member | Date Added | Additional Information Attachments |
| 2 | 22 | Stakeholdering | Stakeholder engagement | | What is the purpose and audience for the Technical conference in November? | | Sarah Bresolin Silver | | |
| 3.1 | 35 | Stakeholder Engagement | Editorial guidelines | 1. Does the ESMP section demonstrate equity, including increased transparency and stakeholder engagement in the grid planning process and an equitable distribution of impacts and benefits? | To ensure true equity, Eversource and all the ESMPs must relook at their definitions of equity. | There is a definition of equity provided, which all EDC ESMPs should address directly in their plans. However the provided definition in the Eversource plan does not address issues of equity in terms of the acknowledgment of the issues that have historically created a disproportion and negative impact on certain communities, nor does the definition address a need to balance decisionmaking power and resources toward a reality where communities are impacted wholly by their own decisions and working with utilities on accountable outcomes. The impacts of discrimination and inequity must be addressed acknowledged first to fairly address them from the point of root causes. This includes the adoption of new policies, practices, attitudes, and cultural messages that affirm race, class, and gender justice. | Marybeth Campbell | 9/24/2023 | |
| | 63 | EJ Customer Mapping | Environmental justice community outreach | 1. Does the ESMP section demonstrate equity, including increased transparency and stakeholder engagement in the grid planning process and an equitable distribution of impacts and benefits? | Each of the utilities has a differing approach to talking about which different stakeholders should be engaged. Can their be uniformity across the sub-sections (e.g. consistently outlining how certain sub-segments will be reached and mapping EJC customers across the territory)? This will make it easier to compare across plans. Eversource maps their EJC customers on page 63. | | Kathryn Wright | 9/18/2023 | |

ESMP Review Process Check (4/4)

Does this cadence for materials sharing work?

- A. **Tuesday before GMAC meeting, 9/26:** Consultant team provides summary slides of selected chapters (posted on GMAC website)
- B. **GMAC meeting, 9/28:** Consultant presentation to summarize Chapters and GMAC discussion
- C. **Tuesday after GMAC meeting, 10/03:** Consultant team includes Chapter take-aways in meeting minutes for GMAC member review, inclusive of key discussion points from meeting
- D. **Friday (8 days) after GMAC meeting, 10/06:** GMAC members submit their Recommendations sheet for Chapters discussed at 9/14 meeting.
- E. **Tuesday before next GMAC meeting, 10/10:** Consultant team updates Chapter take-aways and groups GMAC member recommendations for discussion at opening of next GMAC meeting. Post updates on GMAC website. (E from Day 1 ESMP Review occurred on 9/26)
- F. **Next GMAC meeting, 10/12:** GMAC discusses updated chapter take-aways and grouped recommendations from last meeting Chapters (F from Day 1 ESMP Review occurs on 9/28)

September

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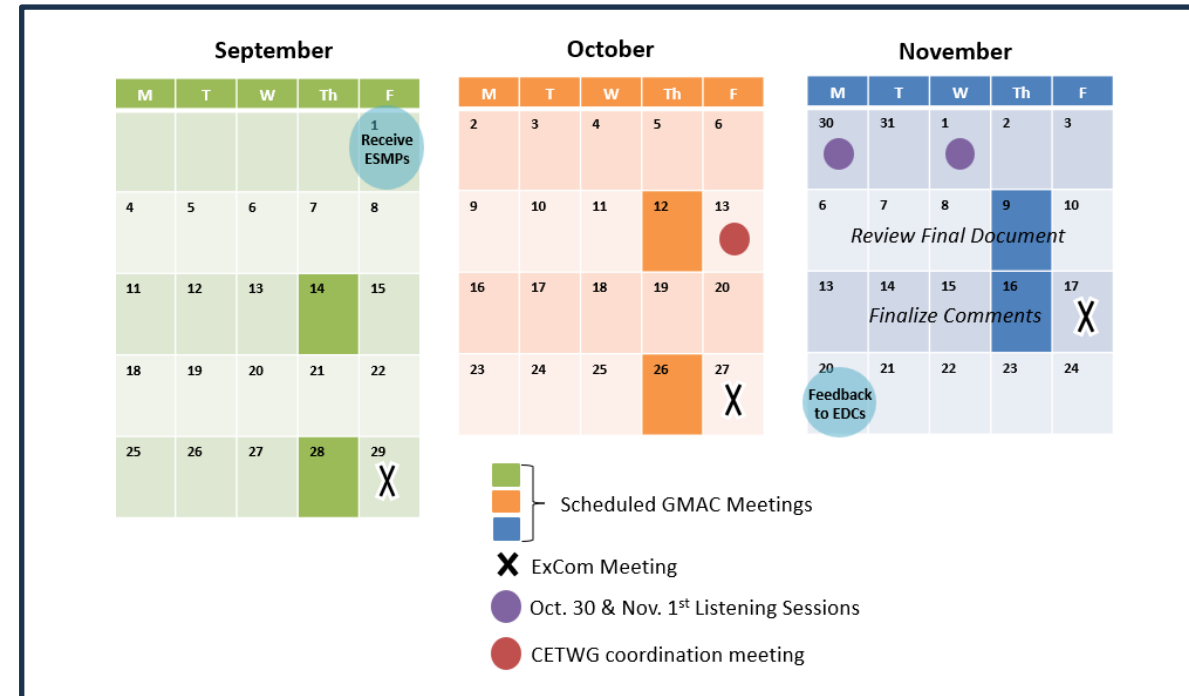
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Equity Working Group Update

- First EWG meeting is on 10/2 at 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- Second EWG is on 10/10 at 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- A third EWG meeting will be scheduled prior to 10/27

| Date | Details |
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| Thursday, September 14 | During GMAC meeting, vote on EWG charter, membership, and leadership. |
| <i>Sept 15 – Oct 27</i> | EWG determines schedule and meets. Likely ~2 meetings of EWG, up to EWG. |
| Friday, October 27 | EWG provides draft recommendations to GMAC in advance of the listening sessions |
| Thursday, November 9 | EWG presents recommendations for full GMAC discussion |

GMAC Meeting Schedule



Other Discussion Areas

- Any other issues or items the Executive Committee would like to discuss?

Close and Next Steps

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 27th, 2023 from 2-3:30 PM.
- Tentative topics for next meeting
 - Discussion of ongoing GMAC ESMP review schedule and process
 - Equity Working Group progress
 - Check-in on consultant work to date