

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

May 16, 2023

Agenda & Attendance

- Welcome, agenda, roll call
- Agendas for upcoming GMAC meetings
- Consultant scope of work and plan forward
- External stakeholder requests and public comment
- Close

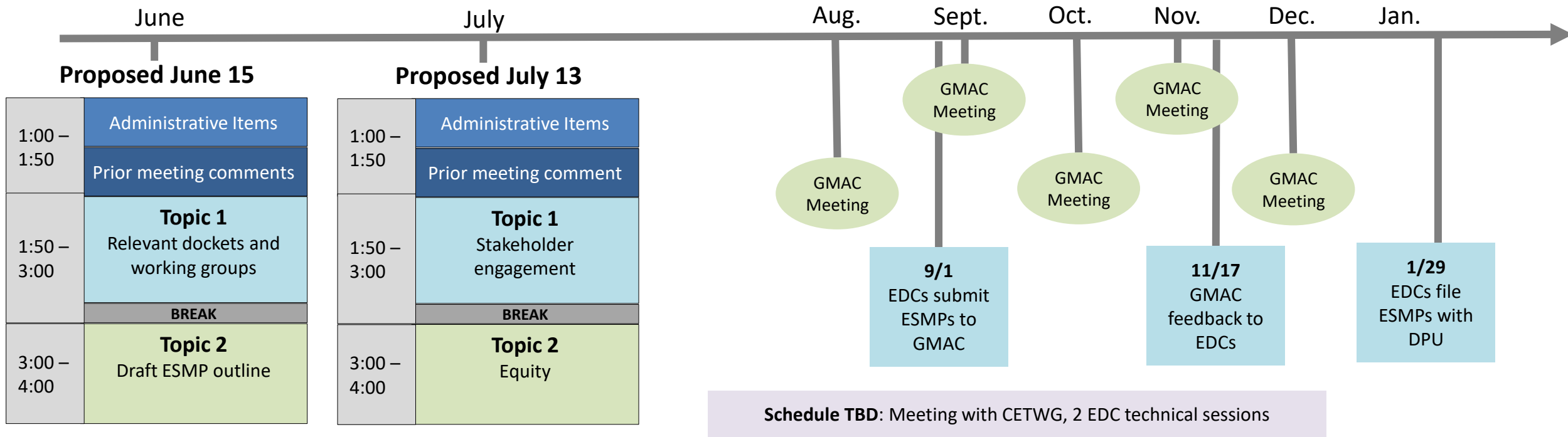
Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members

Speakers for June GMAC Meeting: Topic 1

- Topic 1 of the June GMAC Meeting is planned to feature presentations and discussion of relevant dockets and working groups
- Proposal to split summaries across GMAC members:

Topic	Speaker	Time (min.)
State climate goals and targets Working groups (CETWG, EVICC, GSEP, EFSB)	Elizabeth Mahony, DOER	>7
Working groups (TSRG, ESIRG, WDT WG)	Sarah Bresolin Silver, ENGIE North Am.	>5
Grid modernization (dockets and AMI SH Working Group)	Larry Chretien, GECA	>5
Electric vehicle charging infrastructure programs	Amy McGuire, Highland Electric Fleets	>5
Provisional System Program capital investment projects (CIPs) and long-term system planning	Kat Cox-Arslan, New Leaf Energy	>5
Energy Efficiency Three-year plans	Kyle Murray, Acadia Center	>5
Rate cases and performance-based ratemaking	Liz Anderson, AGO	>7
Utility-owned solar energy projects		
Distribution system reliability and safety dockets	Representative from the EDCs	>7
Utility-owned storage investment plans		

Agendas for Upcoming GMAC Meetings



Preread materials

- DPU Annual Report – 2022 (Electric Power Division Chapter)
- Preread summary (shared in 5/11 meeting)
- Draft ESMP outline (**by 6/2**)

Speakers

- Topic 1: Split across GMAC members (30 minutes total)
- Topic 2: EDCs walkthrough outline (10 mins). Group feedback on outline (45)

Preread material proposals

- [Overly Impacted & Rarely Heard](#) (May 2023 AGO)
- [Fostering Equity through Community-Led Clean Energy Strategies](#) (2021 ACEEE, see page 12 case study)

Speaker ideas

- Sofia Owen, ACE – attended May GMAC
- Jollette Westbrook, EDF
- Ansha Zaman, Center for Earth Energy & Democracy, on MN community engagement in integrated research planning
- Equity Working Group for EEAC members

- Are these the right topics for the next GMAC meetings?
- What preread materials do you suggest?
- Who should we invite to speak?
- What other comments do you have about GMAC meeting scheduling?

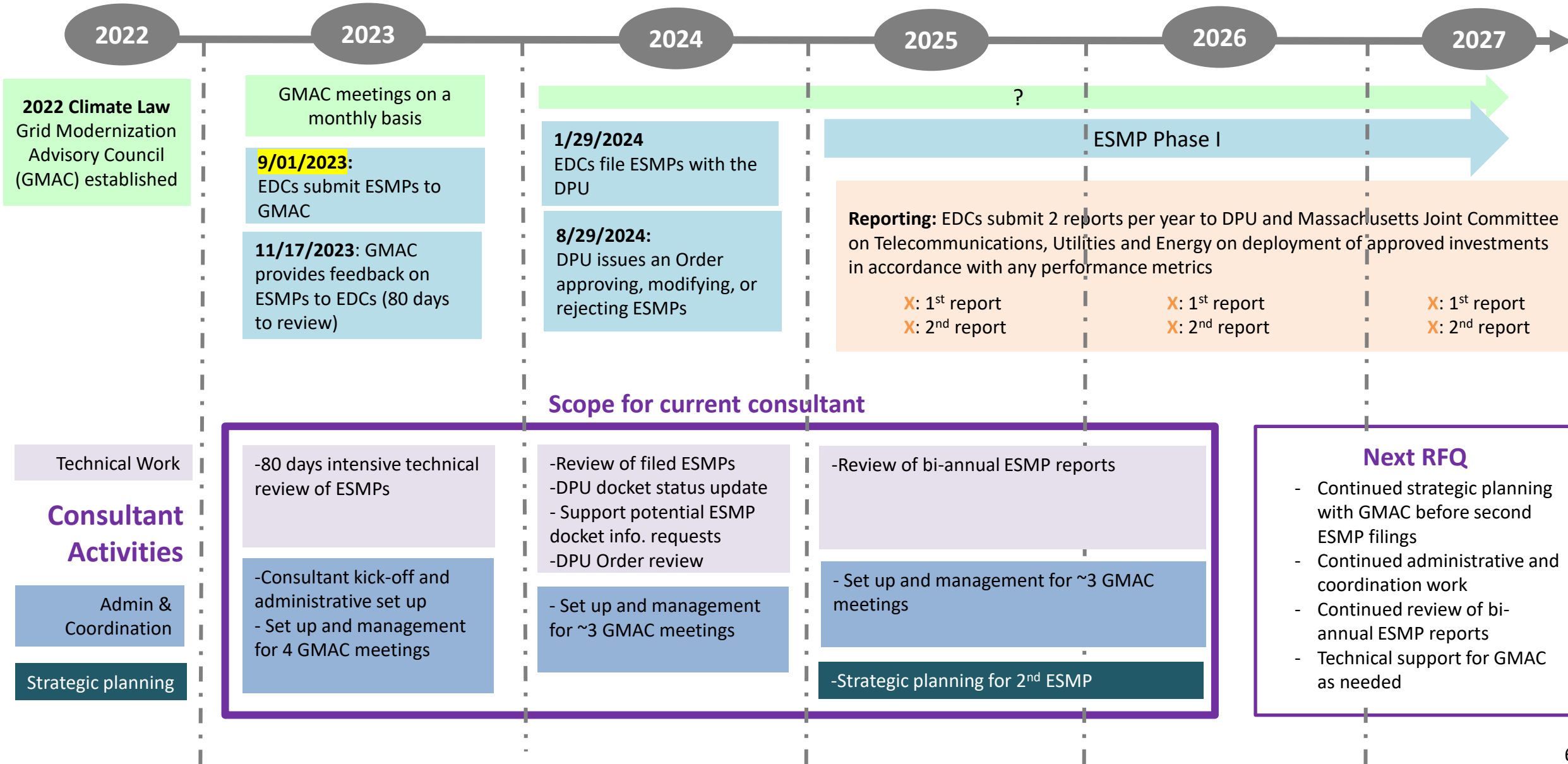
Consultant scope of work – process & draft timeline

	May		June					July				August			September				
Date	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18
ExComm Meeting (5/16): Discuss scope																			
Submit revised proposal to DPU																			
Make updates to scope as needed																			
Post Request for Quote (Post 6/13. Due 7/14)																			
Questions on RFQ due (6/21). DOER reply (6/30)																			
Review proposals																			
Interviews & selection of winner (7/28)																			
Execution of contract (8/4)																			
Kickoff with consultant (8/7)																			
GMAC Receives ESMPs (9/1)																			

- Required by 2022 Climate Law to submit to the DPU a proposal on funding required for the retention of expert consultants and reasonable administrative costs. The proposal shall be approved by the department either as submitted or as modified by the department.

GMAC Consultant Activities

GMAC activity
Statutory requirements
Reporting requirements



Consultant scope of work – Scope discussion

- Discuss the draft consultant scope of work – share screen and discuss the main sections
 1. Overview
 2. Technical support
 3. Evaluation and monitoring
 4. Administration, coordination, and communication
 5. Strategic planning

External Stakeholder Engagement and Public Comments

- During GMAC meetings, council members have expressed interest in establishing a process for incorporating external stakeholder engagement, whether by public comment or other means.
- GMAC members have also asked about a process for providing more industry-specific information to and from stakeholders to the utilities.

What ideas does the Executive Committee have to address these areas?

Close and Next Steps

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 30th 2023 from 2-3:30 PM.
- Tentative topics for next meeting
 - Discuss upcoming GMAC agendas and speakers
 - Update on consultant procurement process
 - Begin planning for GMAC review of EDC ESMPs