



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Grid Modernization Advisory Council

April 13, 2023

Agenda

Item	Time
Welcome, Agenda, Roll call	2:00 - 2:10
Review and vote on Meeting Minutes	2:10 – 2:20
Executive Committee member nominations and anticipated schedule	2:20 – 2:30
DOER recommendations on ESMPs: Discussion	2:30 – 3:00
Presentation on distribution system planning from Lisa Schwartz, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab	3:00 – 4:00
<i>Break</i>	<i>4:00 – 4:10</i>
Discussion on structure and agendas for upcoming GMAC meetings	4:10 – 4:50
Close & Next Steps	4:50 – 5:00

Meeting Attendance

- Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members

Meeting Minutes

- Required by Open Meeting Law and Section 7.2 of the GMAC By-Laws
- Review of minutes document with Council followed by roll call vote to approve.

Executive Committee Nominations and Voting

For two voting member positions:

- Sarah Bresolin Silver, ENGIE North America
- Kyle Murray, Acadia Center

For one non-voting member position:

- Digaunto Chatterjee, Eversource
- Carol Sedewitz, National Grid

Voting process:

- Each nominated member will have the opportunity to say a few words about their interest in serving on the Executive Committee.
- By roll call vote, each member will indicate:
 1. If they approve of the two voting member positions
 2. Who they vote for the non-voting member position

Executive Committee (ExComm) Schedule

- Per the Executive Committee Charter, the ExComm will meet “once a month or as needed”.
- DOER recommends:
 - Monthly hour-long meetings.
 - ExComm to meet generally two weeks after GMAC meetings. Targeting the weeks of: 4/24, 5/15, 6/26, 7/24, 8/21, 9/25, 10/23, 11/13, 12/18
- Poll will be sent to ExComm members to determine recurring meeting time.
- First orders of business:
 - GMAC consultants’ scope of work and procurement
 - Further developing GMAC and ExComm future agendas

DOER Recommendations for ESMPs

1. The ESMPs should include a comprehensive and clear synthesis of existing investment areas, implementation plans, future planned investments, and ongoing metrics reporting.
2. A common template and formatting should be used across the EDC ESMPs.
3. The EDCs should develop and define a process that supports updates to the ESMPs throughout the 5-year cycle.
4. The EDCs should provide all relevant data and supplementary information to the GMAC as appropriate to facilitate stakeholder review of information that will be subject to discovery at the DPU during ESMP review.
5. The EDCs should propose a robust stakeholder engagement process in their ESMPs.
6. The EDCs should prioritize strategic planning in the first ESMP process.
7. The EDCs should include a discussion of investment alternatives and alternative approaches to financing investments, and clearly communicate any proposed changes to stakeholders.

Are there comments from the GMAC on these initial DOER recommendations?

Break

Please be ready to start again in 10 minutes at 4:10 PM

After the break...

- *Discussion on structure and agendas for upcoming GMAC meetings*
- *Close and Next Steps*

Summer GMAC Meetings - Structure

- The GMAC meets 4 times before receiving the EDC ESMPs for review.
- See a proposed summer meeting structure – focused on maximizing the number of topics discussed in advance of receiving the ESMPs.

What comments do GMAC members have on the proposed summer meetings structure?

Proposed Summer Meeting Structure *May 11, June 16, July 13, August 10*

1:00 – 1:50	Administrative Items (30 min)
	Prior meeting comment (20 min)
1:50 – 3:00	Topic 1 Presentation(s) (30 min) and Discussion (30 min)
	Break (10 min)
3:00 – 4:00	Topic 2 Presentation(s) (30 min) and Discussion (30 min)

Summer GMAC Meetings - Topics

Potential topics:

- Overview of existing Orders, relevant dockets to electric system modernization planning, and ongoing working groups
- DER interconnection (process today, key challenges, best practices across the U.S., stakeholder speakers, state policies & goals, etc.)
- Transportation electrification (forecasting best practices and in the Commonwealth today, stakeholder speakers, state policies & goals, etc.)
- Building electrification (forecasting, joint energy system planning, state policies & goals, etc.)
- Cost allocation and investment alternatives (Discussion of CIPs, NWAs, DERMS capabilities, best practices, etc.)
- Community, equity, and environmental justice community integration and collaboration
- Reporting requirements and metrics

What topics are GMAC members most interested in reviewing in the coming 4 meetings?

Close and Next Steps

- Next GMAC Meeting: May 11th 2023 from 1-4 PM. Hybrid setting.
- Tentative topics for next meeting
 - Council Updates and Business
 - April Council Meeting minutes
 - April Executive Committee Meeting update and minutes
 - Substantive
 - Topic presentations
 - Council discussion