**IIRG Industry Substantive Topic Prioritization Recommendation**

| Priority | Topic | Procedural Recommendation/Comments |
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|  | Address Group Study timeline challenges, including: 1) Payment schedules, acceptance of alternative payment methods (bonds and LoC) and rules for refundability 2) Performing ASO and distribution studies in parallel; 3) 1MW and under projects are not delayed by ASO studies; and 4) Improving transparency around how Group Studies are formed, which substations are involved, and the timing and extent of planned upgrades | This topic will need to be addressed by subcategory to ensure narrow scope discussions. |
|  | Develop statewide Flexible Interconnection program proposal (addressing compensation, curtailment study requirements, curtailment allocation methodologies, financing, etc.) | Recommend formation of a subgroup in parallel with #1 priority. Members will recruit SMEs on flexible interconnection, coordinate with the TSRG and bring a draft program proposal to the full IIRG by a date certain |
|  | Update/revise monthly reporting by EDCs to DOER, including alignment of data across service territories. Improve data transparency with hosting capacity maps, Group Study updates, and monthly interconnection reports | Continued small group work on this in parallel with priorities #1 and #2. Report to full IIRG after 3 additional small group meetings on: 1) whether a full IIRG meeting discussion is needed, and 2) if/when DPU intervention is required |
|  | Queue management, focusing on level of accuracy of facilities in the queue (mitigating inaccurate information and missing applications) |  |
|  | Identify topics in the DG Interconnection Tariff (bullet point list) that must be revised to implement a proactive long-term system planning process | To provide to DPU for guidance in considering LTSPP implementation |
|  | Clarify process and standards for DG interconnections associated with new construction, major rehab, and new service requests in general: timeline, ISA expiration date, net export analysis, Group Study exemption |  |
|  | Create a separate interconnection service agreement for projects interconnecting in the Simplified process |  |
|  | Tariff revisions for implementation of a proactive long-term system planning process (redline revisions) | Need guidance from DPU before proceeding |
|  | Operation and management charges. If the EDCs collect any O&M charges as part of interconnection costs, whether application of FERC decision eliminating direct assignment of O&M charges to interconnecting generators in NE applies to distributed generation | May need guidance from DPU before moving forward |
|  | Resolve questions about the applicability and use of Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) | May need guidance from DPU before moving forward |
|  | Address interconnection challenges related to re-powering projects | ACT conducting some process- check when ripe for discussion at IIRG |