



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

# Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

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September 27, 2024

# Agenda & Attendance

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- Welcome, Agenda, Roll Call
- 2024 GMAC/ESMP Schedule
- 2025 GMAC Activities and Budget
  - Presentation
  - Discussion
- Other Discussion Areas
- Close

Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members

# 2024 ESMP/GMAC Schedule

- GMAC activities
- ESMP activities from Order
- Holidays

## SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13 GMAC Meeting
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27 EWG Meeting + ExCom Meeting
30 NGrid Rate Case Order				

## OCTOBER

M	T	W	TH	F
	1 LTSPP Initiated by EDCs	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 GMAC Meeting	11
14 Indigenous People's Day	15	16	17	18 2025 GMAC Budget Due
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

## NOVEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
18 New CIP Proposals filed	19	20	21 Thanksgiving	22
25	26	27	28	29

## DECEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17 GMAC Meeting	18	19	20
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
30	31			

Questions?

# 2025 GMAC Budget Filing

- The CY2025 GMAC budget filing deadline is **October 18, 2024**. Information to be provided includes:
- An accounting of budget spend in 2023 and 2024
  - Detailed invoices
  - 2025 consultant work plan (Jan – Dec 2025)
  - 2025 proposed costs by cost category (Jan – Dec 2025)
- DOER and the GMAC consultants are preparing filing materials.
- The consultants are holding 1:1 meetings with GMAC members to collect ideas and feedback for 2025 GMAC activities.
- We are looking for your feedback on the proposed 2025 activities and CY2025 budget.
- The final opportunity to provide feedback on 2025 **budget** will be the October 10<sup>th</sup> GMAC meeting.

## Budget Approved & Consultant Spend To Date

	Approved by DPU	Actual Spend by GMAC Consultant
2023	\$356,653.00	Sep-Dec: \$308,563.13
2024	\$387,978.00	Jan-Sep: ~\$321,280.00 Oct-Dec: ~\$65,000.00

- The DPU also approved an operating budget of \$50,000 for 2024 for costs related to expenses such as meeting space rental fees.
- While the GMAC did not use this operating budget, we propose continuing to request such funding for 2025.
- We anticipate using this funding for in-person technical and/or stakeholder engagement sessions in 2025.

## 2025 GMAC Vision

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- A year to build foundational knowledge on distribution system planning, investments, and activities. Elements of this to include:
  - Continued stakeholder engagement and informational materials.
  - Close collaboration with the EDCs.
  - Ongoing monitoring of ESMP phases at the DPU.
  - Ongoing monitoring and updates on related distribution system dockets and working groups (Ex: ARR, EV investment plans, LTSP, CIPs, Joint Working Group, CESAG).
  - Development of a work plan beyond 2025 and leading up to the next draft ESMPs.
- At the October 10<sup>th</sup> GMAC Meeting: Planning to present a proposal for a timeline of topics and activities for 2025 for feedback.

## Update from 1:1 Interviews with GMAC Members

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- The GMAC consultants are in the process of holding 1:1 meetings with all of the GMAC members, including EDC representatives, to collect ideas on 2025 GMAC priorities and activities.
- To date, the GMAC members have suggested they would appreciate:
  - Increased dialogue and collaboration with EDCs.
    - Including in the GMAC meetings and in separate Technical Sessions.
  - Increased stakeholder engagement with the public.
  - Informational and technical support relating to:
    - Future phases of DPU ESMP dockets.
    - Long-Term System Planning Process.
    - Integrated Energy Planning Joint Working Group.
    - Community Engagement Stakeholder Advisory Group.
  - Updates and commentary from GMAC consultants on above.

# 2025 GMAC Consultant Activities

Administration and Meeting Support	Informational Support	Technical Analysis	Website Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project management</li> <li>Attending and preparing materials for GMAC, ExCom, and EWG meetings</li> <li>Communicating with GMAC members and EDCs</li> <li>Developing stakeholder materials</li> <li>Providing planning support for public GMAC events</li> <li>Hiring a subcontractor to host and manage external GMAC website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide summaries and observations on subsequent phases of ESMP proceeding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metrics</li> <li>Biannual Reports</li> <li>Cost Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>Monitor and report on related working groups               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex: LTSPP, IEP, CESAG</li> </ul> </li> <li>Present at GMAC technical sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equity implications</li> <li>Items for consideration beyond 2025:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent forecasts:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peak, EE, DR, PV, storage, heat pumps, EV, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Compliance with GHG goals</li> <li>Avoided costs for DERs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcontractor of Synapse</li> <li>Create and host external GMAC website</li> <li>Maintain up to date information on GMAC activities</li> <li>Communicate grid planning efforts to stakeholders</li> </ul>
<b>\$231,280</b>	<b>\$203,280</b>	<b>\$97,600</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**2025 Total Proposed Consultant Budget: \$592,160**

- Are there any activities or focus areas that are missing?
- What topic areas should be prioritized for discussion in 2025?
- Should the GMAC consultants attend working group meetings? (Ex. LTSPP, IEP Joint Working Group, CESAG).
- What do ExCom members think about hosting informational/technical sessions open to the public in 2025?
- Meeting cadence: We propose that the GMAC holds **two-hour monthly** meetings. Thoughts?

# Additional Information on Proposed 2025 Budget

## 2025: January through December

	Total budget
<b>Task 1. Admin &amp; Meeting Support</b>	<b>\$231,280</b>
Manage project	\$34,400
Provide meeting support	\$103,520
Communicate with members	\$13,280
Develop stakeholder materials	\$61,680
Manage web site subcontractor	\$18,400
<b>Task 2. Informational Support</b>	<b>\$203,280</b>
DPU ESMP docket	\$48,320
Biannual reports	\$40,640
Related working groups & dockets	\$64,000
Technical sessions	\$50,320
<b>Task 3. Technical Analyses</b>	<b>\$97,600</b>
Equity analysis	\$51,520
Analyses to be determined	\$46,080
<b>Total days</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Staff budget</b>	<b>\$532,160</b>
<b>Total budget</b>	<b>\$532,160</b>

<b>Subcontractor:</b>	
Task 4. Website Development	\$60,000
<b>Total GMAC Consultants</b>	<b>\$592,160</b>



## Other Discussion Areas

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

## Close and Next Steps

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- Next Executive Committee Meeting is TBD.
- The next GMAC meeting is **October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM.**