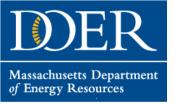


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Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

September 27, 2024

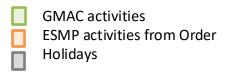


Agenda & Attendance

- 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



SEPTEMBER

M	Т	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	е			Č

OCTOBER

M	Т	w	TH	F
	1 LTSPP Initiated by EDCs	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 GMAC Meeting	11
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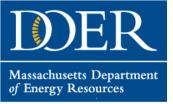
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25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER

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16	17 GMAC Meeting	18	19	20
23		25 Christmas Day	26	27
30	31			

Questions?



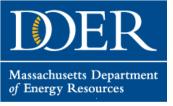
2025 GMAC Budget Filing

- 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 10th GMAC meeting.

Budget Approved & Consultant Spend To Date

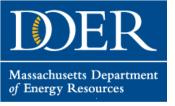
	Approved by DPU	Actual Spend by GMAC Consultant
2023	\$356,653.00	Sep-Dec: \$308,563.13
2024	\$387,978.00	Jan-Sep: ~\$321,280.00 Oct-Dec: ~\$65,000.00

- 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 inperson technical and/or stakeholder engagement sessions in 2025.



2025 GMAC Vision

- 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, LTSPP, CIPs, Joint Working Group, CESAG).
 - > Development of a work plan beyond 2025 and leading up to the next draft ESMPs.
- At the October 10th 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

- 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

- Project management
- Attending and preparing materials for GMAC, ExCom, and EWG meetings
- Communicating with GMAC members and EDCs
- Developing stakeholder materials
- Providing planning support for public GMAC events
- Hiring a subcontractor to host and manage external GMAC website

Informational Support

- Provide summaries and observations on subsequent phases of ESMP proceeding
 - Metrics
 - Biannual Reports
 - Cost Recovery
- Monitor and report on related working groups
 - Ex: LTSPP, IEP, CESAG
- Present at GMAC technical sessions

Technical Analysis

- Equity implications
- Items for consideration beyond 2025:
 - Independent forecasts:
 - Peak, EE, DR, PV, storage, heat pumps, EV, etc.
 - Compliance with GHG goals
 - Avoided costs for DERs

Website Development

- Subcontractor of Synapse
- Create and host external GMAC website
- Maintain up to date information on GMAC activities
- Communicate grid planning efforts to stakeholders

\$60,000

- 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?

\$231,280 \$203,280 \$97,600

2025 Total Proposed Consultant Budget: \$592,160

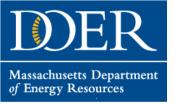


Additional Information on Proposed 2025 Budget

2025: January through December

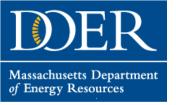
	Total budget
Task 1. Admin & Meeting Support	\$231,280
Manage project	\$34,400
Provide meeting support	\$103,520
Communicate with members	\$13,280
Develop stakeholder materials	\$61,680
Manage web site subcontractor	\$18,400
Task 2. Informational Support	\$203,280
DPU ESMP docket	\$48,320
Biannual reports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

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



Other Discussion Areas

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



Close and Next Steps

- Next Executive Committee Meeting is TBD.
- The next GMAC meeting is October 10th from 9:30 AM 12:30 PM.