

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

# Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

October 27, 2023



# **Agenda & Attendance**

- Welcome, Agenda, Roll Call
- Upcoming Events
- ESMP Review Reminders
- November Process
- Other Discussion Areas
- Close

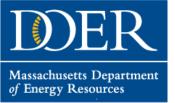
Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members



### **Upcoming Events**

### Listening Sessions

- > Two sessions have been scheduled with language interpretation services available on an as-needed basis.
  - Monday 10/30 at 6:00 7:30 PM
  - Wednesday 11/1 at 12:00 1:30 PM
- > Please let your stakeholders know.
- Equity Working Group Meeting #4 on 11/3
- EDC Technical Sessions
  - ➤ Wednesday 11/15 at 9:00 AM 1:00 PM
  - ➤ Tuesday 11/28 at 1:00 PM 5:00 PM

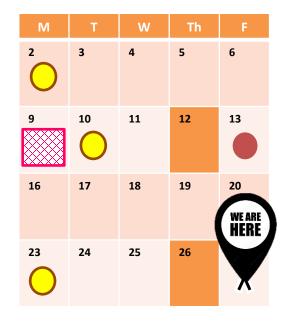


### **Reminder of ESMP Review Timeline**

#### September

М	Т	W	Th	F
				1 Receive ESMPs
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	X

#### **October**



#### **November**

M	T	W	Th	F
30	31	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 <b>X</b>
20 Feedback to EDCs	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

### **GMAC Meeting Discussion Plan**

- 9/14: Stakeholder Engagement, Current State, 5–10-year forecast (Chapters 3, 4, 5)
- 9/28: 5–10-year solutions, Reliable & Resilient, Workforce, Economic, & Health Benefits (Chapters 6, 10, 12)
- **10/12**: 2035-2050 Drivers and Solution, Gas-Electric Planning (Chapters 8, 9, 11)
- **10/26**: Executive Summary, Climate Act Compliance, 5-year ESMP, Conclusion (Chapters 1, 2, 7, 13)
- 11/9: Discuss draft recommendations
- 11/16: Finalize recommendations



Scheduled GMAC Meetings

- **X** ExCom Meeting
- Public Listening Session
- CETWG coordination meeting



Holiday



**EDC Technical Session** 



**Equity Working Group meeting** 



## What to Expect in November

#### **Process to date**

- 1. GMAC members submit recommendations by Section
- 2. GMAC members review aggregated section recommendations and indicate strong agreement and disagreement. EDCs provide responses to recommendations.
- 3. Full excel sheet posted online

Comments or Questions?

### **Next Steps**

- Friday, 11/3: Draft document of key findings and recommendations emailed/posted for GMAC member review and discussion in November. This includes:
  - Word Document (see tentative outline to right)



- Merging similar recommendations from GMAC members
- Highlighting areas of strong agreement
- Keeping as much detail from member recommendations as possible
- 3. Equity working group findings/recommendations included
- Thursday, 11/9: GMAC meeting to discuss draft findings/recommendations
- Monday, 11/13: GMAC members send track changes to MA-GMAC by noon.
- Thursday 11/16: Final live edits and vote

#### **Document Outline**

- 1. GMAC Process & Limitations
- 2. GMAC Findings
  - a. Compliance with the Act
  - b. Stakeholder engagement & equity goals
  - c. Load forecasting (Short- and long-term)
  - d. Solution sets (short- and long-term)
  - e. Infrastructure/investment proposals (short- and long-term)
  - f. Alignment with state policy goals, especially those in the CECPs
  - g. Missing information
- 3. GMAC Recommendations.
  - a. TBD in either word or excel format



# **November GMAC Meeting Agendas**

### November 9<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:20	Administrative Items  • Equity Recommendations  • Draft Findings Consultant Presentation & Discussion
2:20 – 2:30	BREAK
2:30 – 3:50	Draft Recommendations Discussion
3:50 – 4:00	Close

- Draft Recommendations Review
- Discussion of Equity Working Group recommendations

### November 16<sup>th</sup>

1:00 - 1:20	Administrative Items
	Consultant Update
1:20 – 2:20	Final Recommendations Discussion and Voting
2:20 - 2:30	BREAK
2:30 – 3:50	Final Recommendations Discussion and Voting
3:50 – 4:00	Close

Final Recommendations Vote

Comments or Questions?



### **Question Areas on Process for ExCom**

- Does the ExCom have any comments or suggestions to improve the GMAC recommendations voting timeline or process?
- Are there ways that the GMAC consultant could be better supporting the GMAC review process?
- Do the EDCs have any updates on the technical session agendas or invitations?



### **Other Discussion Areas**

- December GMAC meeting agenda requests? (Reactions to EDC technical sessions)
- Beginning to plan: GMAC in 2024
  - Frequency of meeting (Monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly)
  - Length of meetings (3 hours, 2 hours)
  - Topics for meetings
- GMAC Consultant Update
  - Submitted budget to DPU
  - DOER is responding to questions from DPU
- Any other issues or items the Executive Committee would like to discuss?



## **Close and Next Steps**

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2-3:30
   PM.
- Tentative topics for next meeting:
  - Reflect on ESMP review process
  - ➤ Continued planning for 2024