

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

M	T	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	29 X

October

M	T	W	Th	F
2 Equity Working Group meeting	3	4	5	6
9 Holiday	10 Equity Working Group meeting	11	12 Scheduled GMAC Meeting	13 CETWG coordination meeting
16	17	18	19	20 WE ARE HERE
23 Equity Working Group meeting	24	25	26 Scheduled GMAC Meeting	

November

M	T	W	Th	F
30 Public Listening Session	31	1 Public Listening Session	2	3 Equity Working Group meeting
6	7	8	9 Scheduled GMAC Meeting	10 Holiday
13	14	15 EDC Technical Session	16 Scheduled GMAC Meeting	17 X
20 Feedback to EDCs	21	22	23 Holiday	24
27	28 EDC Technical Session	29	30	

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- EDC Technical Session
- Equity Working Group meeting

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

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

Next Steps

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

Comments or
Questions?

November GMAC Meeting Agendas

November 9th

1:00 – 2:20	Administrative Items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 16th

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 17th, 2023 from 2-3:30 PM.
- Tentative topics for next meeting:
 - Reflect on ESMP review process
 - Continued planning for 2024