Creating A Clean, Affordable, Equitable and Resilient Energy Future For the Commonwealth



Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

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Grid Modernization Advisory Council Executive Committee

June 30, 2023



Agenda & Attendance

- Welcome, agenda, roll call
- Update on consultant procurement
- Agendas for upcoming GMAC meetings
- Other discussion areas
- Close

Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members



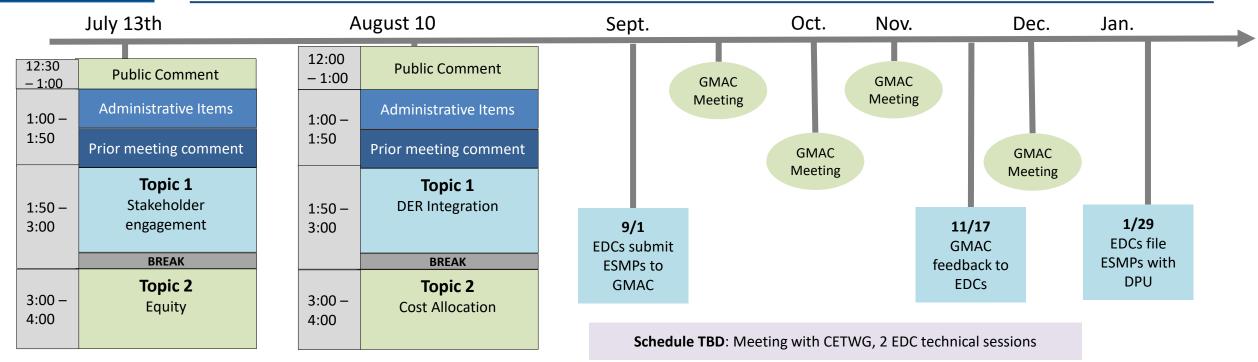
- Request for Quote finalized and posted through COMMBUYS the week of 6/26
- Anticipated timeline:

DOER Issues RFQ	June 30, 2023
Deadline for Submitting Questions	July 10, 2023
DOER Answers Questions	July 14, 2023
RFQ Response Due Date	July 21, 2023
Selection of Winning Response	August 4, 2023
Execution of Contract with DOER	August 11, 2023
Project Kick-off Meeting	August 14, 2023



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Agendas for Upcoming GMAC Meetings



Preread material proposals

- <u>Overly Impacted & Rarely Heard</u> (May 2023 AGO)
- Fostering Equity through Community-Led Clean Energy Strategies (ACEEE 2021)

Speaker ideas

- Jolette Westbrook, EDF confirmed
- Sofia Owen, ACE confirmed
- Undersecretary Maria Belen Power invited
- EEAC Equity Working Group member(s)
 invited

Preread material proposals

- <u>Principles of Access for Flexible Interconnection:</u> <u>Cost Allocation Mechanisms and Financial Risk</u> Management (EPRI 2020)
- EDC NWA/NWS planning documents
- Other ideas?

Speaker ideas

- Ron Nelson/Eli Asher, Strategen
- Other ideas?

- Are these the right topics for the next GMAC meetings?
- What preread materials do you suggest?
- Who should we invite to speak?

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- Council outreach to stakeholders for public comment periods during upcoming July and August GMAC meetings
 - DOER has messaged the public GMAC list serve (~200 contacts) to notify of public comment opportunity.
 - How can we leverage the Council to maximize participation?
- Planning for GMAC review of the draft ESMPs September-November
 - Any initial suggestions as we start to look ahead?
 - Plan to discuss this topic at the July Executive Committee meeting further.
- Any other issues or items the Executive Committee would like to discuss?

What ideas does the Executive Committee have to address these areas?



Close and Next Steps

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: July 28th 2023 from 2-3:30 PM.
- Tentative topics for next meeting
 - > Update on consultant procurement process
 - Discuss upcoming GMAC agendas and speakers
 - Planning for GMAC review of EDC ESMPs