

**Planning Advisory Committee
Doubletree Hotel, Westborough, MA.
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Item 1 – Chair’s Remarks

Mr. Don Gates welcomed the committee and reviewed the day’s agenda. Mr. Gates announced that the November 16 PAC will feature an overview of the Zonal Formation. On December 17 the PAC will have a technical forum regarding Overlapping Impacts in the Queue.

Item 2 – EIPC Non-Grant Update

Mr. Stan Doe (ISO) provided an update regarding recent and future EIPC Non-Grant committee activity.

Q - What is being studied in the cases?

A - The EIPC cases are focused on transfer analysis scenarios.

Q - Who are the Participants funding the studies?

A - This is a voluntary study funded by those Participants who have an interest in continuing the scenario analysis.

Item 3 – October 2015 RSP Project List Update

Mr. Brent Oberlin (ISO) provided an overview of the October 2015 RSP Project List.

Q - In regards to the NEEWS project, the costs in the spreadsheet do not synch up with the previously presented TCA costs.

A - We will look into this and get back with you.

Q - Is ISO including the category of Asset Conditions to the RSP Project List is prohibited in Attachment K?

A - While it is not prohibited, it also is not specified by Attachment K to be included in the RSP Project List. As such, in order to keep the list manageable, we have decided not to add the category to the project list. When asset conditions arise, the governing TO will bring it to the PAC for review.

Q - Could this be included as a sub category to the project list because there is value to understand and know what asset condition replacement projects are ongoing.

A - That could be a possibility. We will take it back for further discussion.

Q - If the asset condition projects are removed from the project list, does that exempt them from Order 1000 competition?

A - These types of projects are not open to Order 1000 competition.

Other clarifying questions regarding the Project List and its impacts on the Order 1000 process were asked and responded to by Mr. Oberlin and Mr. Paradise.

Item 4 – Essex STATCOM Replacement

Mr. Hantz Presume (VELCO) and Mr. Jose Sebastiao (VELCO) provided an overview of the Essex STATCOM Replacement.

Q - If this type of project is included on the RSP Project List, would this be eligible for Order 1000 competition?

A - This would not be added to the RSP Project List as this falls under “asset conditions” and it is not open to Order 1000 competition.

Q - What is the age of the Essex STATCOM?

A - It was built in 2001.

Q - Is VELCO considered synchronous condensers as a replacement option?

A - We did but considering the area needs and costs, a STATCOM replacement is the most cost effective option.

Comment – I am concerned with the scheduled outage time of April/May 2017 for the project as that is the peak time for both area wind and hydro output.

A - The shoulder months of the outage time is the most optimal time in order to avoid the summer and winter peak times. However, we will consider discussing this further.

Q - What is included as part of the costs listed under “indirect”?

A - It is costs associated with the design, study work, commissioning, etc... Anything other than the physical installation of the STATCOM.

Planning Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectively submitted

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