

Stakeholder Engagement Process Webinar

June 29, 2016

Purpose: Provide an overview of the Joint Utilities of New York Stakeholder Engagement Process and present opportunities for involvement in the ongoing effort

Time	Topic
9:00 - 9:10	Introductions
9:10 – 9:20	Stakeholder Engagement Objectives
9:20 – 9:35	Stakeholder Engagement Process Overview
9:35 – 9:50	Stakeholder Engagement Details
9:50 – 10:30	Q&A Session

Questions and Answers

The Q&A portion of the webinar incorporated questions submitted before and during the webinar. For additional information please contact info@jointutilitiesofny.org.

Will the slide deck be available and how can we best access it?

- The slides and recording of the webinar will be available at www.jointutilitiesofny.org

Will there be a formal comment period after the initial filing or just formal comment period after the supplemental filing in November?

- The DSIP order mentioned there would be formal comments on both the initial and supplemental filings.
 - They will be announced in the form of a notice that goes out shortly after the filings are made

How were the members of the Advisory Group determined and are there opportunities for other people to participate in that group?

- The Joint Utilities looked at participants who had been most active in the MDPT process, Track 1, and in offering comments around the staff guidance on DSIP filings.
- The JU tried to ensure a mix of participants representing different interests and sectors.
- As stated in the May 2 filing, the AG is envisioned as an ongoing group after November 1, there are already meetings scheduled for that post-filing period, and the intent is to look at membership each year to explore opportunities for entities to get involved and for other entities to take a break.

What will be the content of the technical workshops and when will invitations go out?

- Technical conferences are an opportunity to review the status on topics already under discussion, as well as explore some topics in greater depth for which there may not be enough time to have as full a discussion as we'd like in EGs before the filing.
- Agendas will be formed several weeks ahead of scheduled dates based on status of topics within EGs.
- Invitations will go out approximately 2 weeks in advance.

How do you sign up for an Engagement Group?

- There are multiple opportunities to engage in a way that is most productive for your organization.
- Conveniently participate in Engagement Group Meetings in person or through webinar access
- Attend a technical conference in July, August and September
- Visit the Joint Utilities of New York website to learn more about the JU stakeholder engagement effort and potential opportunities for involvement: www.jointutilitiesofny.org
- Email us at info@jointutilitiesofny.org for additional information or with questions and concerns

Why aren't the Engagement Groups open public meetings?

- We are trying to achieve the right balance of having openness to interested participants and having in-person groups that are at a manageable enough size that everyone has enough opportunity to give input.
- There is the option to be there in person and participate in all of the group's meetings for those that would like to. We also recognize that people often want to be involved and see the contents of discussions, but may not always want to actively offer inputs immediately.
- What we have tried to do here to achieve that balance is invite people to participate in person at the outset, but also open up Webinar participation, so that we can get the benefits of a manageable in-person group and open access to those who are interested, and take any inputs and feedback from anyone so that the joint utilities can consider how to incorporate it.

Has the timeline of EV deployment been considered?

- By mid-July there should be a meeting with the AG and then move to the EG to begin facilitating further discussion
- A charter would be finalized by mid-July and the EG meetings would most likely run through late-July through August

Why did the market operations group get started later and have fewer meetings?

- The Track 2 order and other inputs informed a number of the topics, so the release date of that order and of the work of the NYISO on their subzonal pricing pilot affected when it made the most sense to begin these discussions with those inputs available.
- Again, the engagement group meetings are slated to continue through mid-august and then pause to give the joint utilities a period of time to incorporate input from the groups and focus on drafting the SDSIP filing.

The schedule appears very congested, why is it so short?

- The JU recognized that there would be only a certain amount of time between the Order and the filing date. The session on February 29, the contents for which are on the website, was

intended to at least begin the outreach on planning before the Order so that all stakeholders would have an understanding of current processes.

- The JU also did outreach sessions around the Initial DSIPs.
- While it wasn't possible to launch the full stakeholder engagement process with engagement groups before the Order came forward, not knowing the exact requirements of the filing or the topics to be addressed, the JU did form the Advisory Group in order to be ready for the Order, so that two weeks after the Order there was a second Advisory Group meeting and within 4 weeks of the Order there were kickoff meetings for the Engagement Groups.
- The engagement group meetings are slated to continue through mid-august and then pause to give the joint utilities a period of time to incorporate input from the groups and focus on drafting the SDSIP filing.

What can the groups realistically achieve on complicated topics like Hosting Capacity on such a tight schedule?

- This year's DSIP filings, both Initial and Supplemental, are the beginning of what the PSC has laid out as a series of biannual filings that continue to evolve the system in terms of planning functions, operations, and the development of the market. This is an iterative process.
- It is likely not possible to fully run to ground all issues in all topics either in these meetings or in the Initial DSIP filings or the Supplemental filing.
- What we can do, and what we've already made progress on for several topics, is achieving greater shared understanding of the topics, definitions of terms, agreement on the scope of issues to resolve and a framework for addressing them.
- That is what the Order has called on the joint utilities to do—define processes and methodologies that we can begin to evolve together in the near future. So it is possible to make progress there on many of these topics and that is a very worthwhile and achievable goal.
- Within a short time frame the EG has been able to achieve some common ground between stakeholders.
 - On hosting capacity in particular; getting agreement on the use cases was a significant achievement

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