Distributed System Implementation Plans (DSIPs) Stakeholder Webinar

December 11, 2019
Welcome and Logistics

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Agenda

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DSIPs: Definition and Status
Stakeholder Survey Results
Plan for 2020 DSIPs
Q&A Session
Wrap-up and Next Steps

Joint Utilities Presenters on Today’s Webinar:

David Lovelady, National Grid
David Conroy, NYSEG and RG&E
Roberta Scerbo, Orange and Rockland
Matt Robison, ICF
DSIPs: Definition and Status
Distributed System Implementation Plans

- Biennial utility filings
- Describe how the utilities are advancing the objectives of Reforming the Energy Vision (“REV”)
  - REV Track One Order (2015), DSIP Guidance Order (2016), and Department of Public Service (“DPS”) Staff’s 2018 DSIP Guidance Update
- Utilities have organized around three aspects of the DSP: market services, DER integration, and information sharing
Key Updates for JU Since 2018 DSIPs

• Individual utilities and the JU together have made significant progress since the 2018 DSIPs

• JU will provide a detailed update on DSP-related activities during a webinar to be planned for February 2020

• At the close of this webinar, we will discuss additional opportunities for stakeholder outreach leading up to the 2020 DSIPs
DSIPs Have Been Stakeholder-Driven

- Significant stakeholder input from the beginning
- Continue to seek active stakeholder engagement through webinars, meetings, email, website
- Data sharing based on stakeholder use-cases
- Our goal: give stakeholders useful information so we can work well together
Stakeholder Survey Results
October 2019
Key Takeaways

• Healthy survey response / feedback supports continuing current DSIP model with refinements

• Stakeholders use DSIP most for 2 things:
  • 1) understanding current / upcoming commercial opportunities (i.e., storage, interconnection)
  • 2) overall understanding (and reference source) of utility’s plans and timelines

• Stakeholders express support for utility DSIPs and outreach efforts; suggest that modest streamlining actions to make DSIPs shorter, easier to navigate would help them

• Opportunities to increase awareness and use of available resources across JU DSP enablement efforts
Healthy survey response / feedback supports continuing current DSIP model with refinements

Respondent 1: *I love what the utilities are doing in NY, and participated in 2017 JUNY meetings. I work with utilities across North America and I think the collaboration the JUNY has exhibited has been outstanding.*

Respondent 2: *The DSIPs have been well done and useful. Focusing on the incremental changes makes a lot of sense.*

![Chart showing awareness and use of DSIPs]

- Regularly use it: 13%
- Not Aware: 14%
- Use it Sometimes: 32%
- Aware, but don't use it: 41%

Response Rate 13%

Solid response rate, considering mode and population

51% of respondents are using the JU website: [www.jointutilitiesofny.org](http://www.jointutilitiesofny.org)
Stakeholders use DSIP most for 2 things:

1. Understanding near-term commercial opportunities
2. Understanding overall utility plans and timelines

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<th>Top 4 DSIP Sections of Interest</th>
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<td>Topic 4- Energy Storage Integration</td>
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<td>Topic 10- DER Interconnections</td>
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<td>Topic 12- Hosting Capacity</td>
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58% use the DSIP as a reference on utility implementation plans and timelines to return to periodically.

4 out 5 stakeholders are getting all of the information they need.
Stakeholders Support DSIPs, Streamlining Would Help

Adjustments to the DSIP Filing

- Focusing more on items that have changed since last filing: 64%
- Provide more information via links to sources that may be refreshed periodically between filings: 65%
- More frequent stakeholder engagement activities on specific DSP-related topics: 39%
- Leave DSIP "as is" with no significant changes: 2%
- Other: 8%

Other types of information that would be useful (stakeholder quotes):

Changes to the formatting of the DSIP that reduce length by cutting fluff then reorganizing to be easier to read and interpret. In order for the DSIP to be helpful, it needs to be usable.

Create one page summaries of the filings and reports in easy to understand language and graphics.

Reasons for Not Reading the DSIPs

- Not a high priority: 50%
- Report was too long: 13%
- Finding relevant and useful information was difficult: 19%
- Other reason: 38%

N=20 (multiple selections)
Opportunities to increase awareness and use of available resources

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87% of respondents want notifications of fresh data and engagement opportunities

N=55
JU emails inform stakeholders and drive website traffic; there is an opportunity to enhance the DSP enablement newsletter

Opportunity for growth in email communications

- 24% Read JU DSP enablement summary monthly newsletter
- 51% Visited jointutilitiesotny.org website
- 33% Attended JU stakeholder session(s) on specific DSIP topics
- 39% Did not participate in any of the JU's DSIP stakeholder activities

N=103 (multiple selections)

Email outreach drives website traffic

September 2019 – JU Website Review

- Sept 10, 2019 Email distributed for Summary document w/ invite to HC stakeholder webinar
- Sept 17, 2019 HC Stakeholder Webinar

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Plan for 2020 DSIPs
Proposed Plan for 2020 DSIPs Based on Survey Results

- Follow the same overall structure of the 2018 DSIPs
- Follow extant DSIP Orders and the 2018 DSIP Guidance to file the 2020 DSIPs
- Reference how the CLCPA and other state energy targets inform the development of the 2020 DSIPs
- Detailed information will be referenced through links to other data repositories
- Work from the 2018 DSIPs as a baseline and explain the evolution where processes and/or methods have changed significantly
- Publish a quarterly digital JU newsletter
- Conduct semi-annual stakeholder webinars
Sharing Up-to-Date Information

Please visit our website: www.jointutilitiesofny.org

Links to utility-specific information:

• NWA Opportunities
• System Data
• Hosting Capacity
• Electric Vehicles

Recent Commission Orders and Whitepapers

Stakeholder engagement opportunities
Introducing: Updated DSP Enablement Newsletter

• Issue quarterly with meaningful, substantive updates related to the DSIPs

• Succinct snapshot of how the utilities are making progress on the DSP

• Readily accessible information sources that are updated more frequently than the two-year DSIP cycle

• Regulatory updates with a focus on the potential impact to the DSPs and the attainment of state goals
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