

NYSDEC/NYSRC AGENDA – November 18, 2021 Meeting Summary

The summary follows:

- **Climate Action Council Update - Chris**
 - Scoping Plan – scheduled to be released by no later than end of year.
 - Draft Plan still under review by CAC members
 - Smaller groups sessions were held for CAC member during first half of November.
 - Public Hearing Process – 2022.
 - Plan needs to be finalized by end of 2022.

- **Legislation Session 2022 – Chris – no update except 2022 is the second year of the legislation session so all bills from last session carry over. So, these two bills are currently still active.**
 - S4264A/a6927 - CCIA Legislation Update – Ramila/Chris
 - Peaker Justice Legislation - Rad
 - Hydrogen Demonstration – NYPA – Emma M – Emma gave a brief update on project status and committed to come back to the group with actual project details when the demonstration is complete.

- **RGGI Update – Part 242 Regulations, VA Participation, PA Activity – Mike Sheehan, NYSDEC – on track for modeling process. 2Q of next year. VA election might change things. PA and NC still moving forward.**

- **TCI Update – Mike Sheehan, NYSDEC – Currently on hold, other alternatives being evaluated by MOU states.**
 - <https://yankeeinstitute.org/2021/11/18/massachusetts-drops-tci-no-longer-the-best-solution/>
 - <https://www.masslive.com/news/2021/06/connecticut-drops-out-of-the-transportation-climate-initiative-leaving-just-massachusetts-rhode-island-and-washington-dc.html>

- **Status of Air Permits – Michael Sheehan, NYSDEC**
 - Danskammer –
 - <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/124069.html>

- NRG Astoria Generating Facility Upgrades –
 - <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/124070.html>
- Greenidge T4 and T5 Permit Renewal Status –
 - https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20211020_not8.html
 - Comment period ends 11/19/21
- **California regulations:** Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT)(<https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/26402.html>) Heavy-duty Low NOx Omnibus, and Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas Standards – NYSDEC. Comment period ending shortly. Advanced Clean Trucks by year-end. Others being assessed.
- **EPA Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR 3) Final Allowance Allocation** – NYSDEC Staff – no update. Reconciliation next August 2022. Midwest Ozone Group has challenged CSAPR 3.
 - Q – What does SIP Disapproval mean? FIP is in place. DEC can replace it but likely will not. Bob – no need to replace it. Who does allocation in future? EPA will allocate using DEC methodology.
- **EPA Proposed Methane regulations** – NYSDEC Staff. Ona – comment period closed on July 26, 2021; comments have been assessed. Package routing internally right now for sign-off.
- **NYISO Update** – James Sweeney & Carl Patka
 - NYISO Carbon Pricing Update – no report.
 - BSM & Capacity Accreditation Update – presented and approved at MC meeting. Board approval required.
 - NYISO Long Island PPTN Update – 19 projects received. Chart on website. Next steps – review viability and sufficiency of each project in meeting RFP objectives. ISO is reviewing what is received and will inform developers to determine if they want to proceed. Both onshore and offshore transmission needs being evaluated.
 - Interregional Transmission Planning – IPSAC Planning Meeting with NE and PJM. Materials are attached.
 - Comprehensive Reliability Plan – presented and approved at MC as well. BOD must approve.
- **NYSRC Update** – Roger Clayton, NYSRC

- Last EC Meeting – IRM discussed. Preliminary 19.1% approved. Last year was 20.7%. Change due to better modeling of network.
 - Goal Statement for 2022. Posted on our website. Focused on high renewable impact and extreme weather event analysis. Concern over impact on reliability and review of need for new rules.
 - NERC issued a level 2 alert for Cold Weather preparations for cold weather events. Need to identify critical natural gas infrastructure and avoid them being taken out of service during extreme events. NYISO responded to NERC's recommendations and has plans in place.
 - Odessa Disturbance – a fault caused 1000 MWs of Solar PV resources to be tripped within 200 miles of the fault. It caused a disturbance on the network. NYISO is examining possible impact of similar event on NYCA.
 - Metric Update – gave update on ISO reports using LOLH & EUE metrics and RAWG
- **NYSPSC Staff Regulatory Update** - Jonathan
 - Clean Energy Standard –15-e-0302 – Comments received on petition for a “Zero Emissions” Energy Systems program under CES. Comments and petition under review.
 - Energy Storage Proceeding – 18-e-0130. September 2021 session – Order Approving Utility-Owned Asset Participation in Wholesale Markets.
 - Electric Vehicle Proceeding – 18-e-0138. September 2021 – comments received on utilities’ managed charging program proposals. EV Charging Customer Experience Working Group meeting scheduled on Nov 29.
 - Offshore Wind Proceeding – 18-e-0071. No report.
 - Energy Efficiency and Heat Pumps – 18-m-0084. September 2021 session – Order Approving Clean Energy Fund Modifications. Two extension requests granted: LMI Joint Management Committee *Manual* filing extended to Dec. 23; DPS Reporting Guidance on CEF related reporting requirements extended to Dec. 15th.
 - Resource Adequacy Proceeding – 19-e-0530. No report
 - PSC’s Transmission Planning Proceeding – 20-E-0197 – September 2021 session – Order on Local Transmission and

Distribution Planning Process and Phase 2 Project Proposals. NGRID filed petition for Phase 1 projects not in current rate case. Phase 1 projects will go through standard rate case process. Utility can petition outside rate case. Phase 2 projects will be part of a general proceeding.

- **NYSDEC Regulatory and State Implementation Plan Update – NYSDEC Staff**
 - Nearing submittal of attainment demonstration for the New York City metropolitan “serious” nonattainment area for the 2008 ozone standard. We do not attain. EPA is expected to propose reclassification to “severe” non-attainment early next year. DEC will need to develop a new attainment demonstration and is hoping that EPA will allow 18 months to do so.
 - 2015 Ozone – attainment demonstration still being developed.
 - SO₂ non-attainment in a small portion of St Lawrence County near the Alcoa plant in Massena. Attainment demonstration is due in September 2022. DEC is working with Alcoa and EPA. Hope to complete modeling protocol that will be part of the attainment demonstration by December 2021.

- **New Business – none**

- **Next Call – Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 9am.**