

NYSDEC/NYSRC Agenda – November 14, 2024, at 9am – DRAFT NOTES

- **2024 Election - Brief Summary – Rad**
 - **State** – Senate & Assembly, and key committees – Both NY Senate & Assembly remain under democratic control, key committee chairs (Energy & Environmental) remain in place.
 - **Federal Level** – all branches are now under republican party control.
 - **State of Washington CO2 Ballot Outcome** – was defeated by over 60% of the vote favoring continuation of the program.
 - **State of Washington – NG** – too close to call.
<https://www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/election/article295391949.html>

- **CO2 Programs – Mike Sheehan**
 - **Status of NYSDEC Cap & Invest Regulatory Process** – Mike Sheehan – Possibly something by year end. NYSDEC Staff working to wrap things up for review and approval to release.
 - **Status of RGGI Program Re-Evaluation Process** – Mike Sheehan – Agency Head meeting this week - attempting to secure consensus. NYSDEC checked in on updates on VA and PA and at this time there was nothing new from RGGI Inc on their status. NYSDEC will provide more as it becomes available.

- **NYSDEC Update – Mike, Ona, Bob**
 - **EPA Revisions to the Air Emissions Reporting Requirements** – Mike – no update
 - **EPA Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR 3)** – Mike – Stayed, Information was forwarded via separate email. CSAPR 2 remains in place. CSAPR 3 satisfied our Good Neighbor Obligation so DEC will have to evaluate that as part of the SIP process moving forward.
 - **Q – CSAPR 2 vs CSAPR 3** – Mike assumes we revert back but will follow up with final details if available. Cathy – EPA sent out letters to key designates. Dec 6 – Reallocate Group 2, and January – allocate banked allowances. The USEPA Letter is attached.
 - **DEC Application IDs: 3-1326-00211/00001 (Dover Compressor Station); 4-1922-00049/00004 (Athens Compressor Station)** – Mike – no update
 - **EPA Methane Regulations** – NYSDEC Staff – Ona.
 - EPA published a final rule to reduce methane emissions and collect a Waste Emissions Charge (WEC) starting at \$900 and increasing to \$1,500. This rule impacts sources that report to Subpart W (e.g., compressor stations) with a threshold of 25,000 tons CO₂e (100-yr GWP). There are two upcoming webinars:
 - November 25, 2024, at 2:00pm
 - December 12, 2024, at 2:00pm
 - More information on the webinars and the rule may be found at the following link: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/waste-emissions-charge>
 - **Part 218 Status – Advanced Clean Trucks Rule** – Mike – adopted in 2021. Incoming requests to modify program. Full discussion with CA ongoing. No proposed to change regulation at this time. CA is looking at 3-year compliance window to spread out compliance requirements. Updates available at: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/controlling-motor-vehicle-pollution/heavy-duty-vehicles>

- **NYISO Update – James Sweeney**
 - **NYC PPTN Status Update**
 - **The NYISO completed the Viability & Sufficiency Assessment (“VSA”) and found that all twenty-eight proposed solutions were both viable and sufficient to meet the declared need. On October 30, 2024, the NYISO filed the final VSA report with the PSC.**
 - **See -**
https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/47623996/02a_NYCPPTN_ESPW_G_2024_10_21.pdf/5c92b21d-82cf-058c-9279-6b54d07acf33
 - **Reliability Needs Assessment Status Update – The MC approved the 2024 Reliability Needs Assessment (“RNA”) at the October 31 meeting. The RNA identified a reliability need associated with a deficiency in New York City (transmission security overload beginning 2033). The NYISO Board of Directors will review the RNA report, with expected publication to follow in November 2024. In early 2025, the NYISO will consider if the reliability need still exists after accounting for system updates prior to soliciting for solutions.**
 - **Interregional Transmission Planning Update**
 - **The next IPSAC meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2024.**
 - **NERC’s Interregional Transfer Capability Study will be filed with FERC by December 2, 2024, and will be followed by a FERC public comment period.**
 - **Specific to New York, the study recommends prudent additions for 3,700 MW of additional interregional transmission capability (1,800 MW increase with PJM and 1,900 MW with Quebec), even though the maximum deficiency is only projected to be over a 15-hour period. It is also notable that this finding does not account for the Champlain Hudson Power Express HVDC tie with Hydro Quebec**
 - <https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/planning/ipsac>
 - **Demand Curve Reset 2025-2029 Update – Oral presentations were held on October 14. The NYISO will file at FERC at the end of November 2024. The filing will be a public document.**
 - <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/47124364/2025-2029%20DCR%20-%20Final%20Staff%20Recommendations%2009242024%20ICAPWG.pdf/fdb5553f-f1f9-175e-8274-ed37eada58c2>
 - **FERC Co-Location of Large Loads at Existing Generation Facilities – excellent discussion held at the November 1, 2024, Technical conference. Focus on data centers and talked about manufacturing and other loads. A notice for additional comments was released on Friday, November 8, 2024. The notice is attached for your review.**

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- **State Energy Plan – Final Scope – early 2025, final scope expected to be approved by Board, State Agencies will work on the draft during the 1H of 2025, draft to be released in the summer 2025 timeframe with public hearings during the fall 2025. Final State Energy Plan expected by year end 2025.**
- **2024 Tier 1 Solicitation Update – two solicitations.**
 - **2023 Tier 1 – 24 projects, 2.4 GW awarded, negotiations on-going. Possible December 2024 announcement.**

- **2024 Tier 1 Solicitation** – June 2024 – bids for thirty-eight projects - 3.5GWs – notify stakeholders in the future, announcement in 2025.
- **NYSRC Update** – Chris Wentlent
 - Our next meeting is Friday, November 15
 - Review of draft IRM report and appendixes. IRM vote will be held at the December 2024 Meeting.
 - All materials are posted on the NYSRC website under the specific committee.
- **NYSPSC Staff Regulatory Update** – Jerry Mathew
 - **New Grid of the Future Proceeding** – 24-E-0165 – no report
 - **Energy Storage Proceeding** – 18-E-0130. – Oct 18 – NYSERDA filed its BES implementation Plan, covering the program framework including the Index Storage Credit incentive mechanism, program funding, administration, evaluation, and reporting. Also includes PSC directed topics like budget, QA, measurement and verification, fire safety, and performance metrics.
 - **Clean Energy Standard** - 15-E-0302
 - **Zero Emissions Resource Proceeding** – Staff cannot speak for the Commission as to when it will act on the biennial review.
 - **Staff filed a paper on zero emissions definition** – what will happen with it? CGPP will continue to examine the scale of resources NYS needs to deploy to avert a reliability gap. DPS Staff urges Commission to direct it to develop a review process consistent with PSL §66-p to track progress toward the power sector energy transition targets.
 - **Electric Vehicle Proceeding** – 18-E-0138. – Sep 20 – Commission approves modifications to Make-Ready Program, (1) postponing compliance dates for communications standards for EV supply Equipment hardware and software in the Light-Duty MRP and (2) Expanding eligibility criteria for incentives for customer-side costs for the Medium and Heavy-Duty Pilot (originally only for parcels of land 100% in DACs, now applies to partially in DACs and adjacent to DACs).
 - **Offshore Wind Proceeding** – 18-E-0071.- No report.
 - **Energy Efficiency and Heat Pumps** – 18-M-0084. – Oct 31 – NYSERDA issued NY Green Bank Petition. NYSERDA made requests for modifications – for example, targets for capital investments in DAC communities to 40% by 2031 and adding sector investment targets for building decarb, energy storage, clean energy generation, etc. Maintenance of admin fees and maintain reporting structure. Nov 1 – JU issued LMI EE Program. Increase funding for DACs from 35 to 40%, 2M climate-friendly homes.
 - **PSC's Transmission Planning Proceeding** – 20-E-0197 – EPPAC Meetings continue.
 - **Matter of the Advancement of Distributed Solar** - 21-E-0629 – June 21 – JU filed petition on the Solar for All Program deferral clarifications. Commission clarified utilities can defer revenue requirement costs for billing system upgrades/modifications and ongoing incremental billing costs during initial project enrollment period through utility administrative fee.
- **NYSDEC – Other Regulatory** – Bob B – two updates.
 - **2015 Ozone Standard** – NYC was reclassified to serious in the summer 2024. Moderate classification needed additional consideration – posted for comments. Two comments received. Final submittal in coming months.

- **1 Hour SO2 Standard** – NYSDEC required to do an annual report pursuant to EPA rules. Report posted yesterday with 30-day comments.

Q – Cathy W spoke with EPA on Good Neighbor Issue? The letter USEPA provided is attached.
Q – data for one hour standard? Any areas non-attainment? A - No
Q – status of 185 fees? Rough draft of expressed terms created. List for public outreach created. We are identifying who to work with at Tax, and Comptroller Offices. Timing – November 2025 due date. Coming months – outreach will occur. Applies to all T5 facilities for NOx and VOC in non-attainment areas. Please let Bob know if other stakeholders should be involved.
- **Other Business** – M Schwall mentioned the Whitepaper on 4 Hour Energy Storage. The links to the Implementation Plan and Notice Soliciting Comments are below:
 - Implementation Plan - <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId={F099A092-0000-C938-98D5-9D3FB839557F}>
 - Notice Soliciting Comments - <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId={C069E392-0000-C310-AE08-58DFEFC54006}>
- **Next Call** – Proposed for Thursday, January 9th, at 9am.