

April 29, 2015

E² Working Group Meeting Minutes

The E² Working Group met on April 29, 2015. The meeting was held in the 3rd Floor Hearing Room at 3 Empire State Plaza and via conference call. The following organizations participated in person or via conference call.

E² Working Group Members	Ex-Officio Participants
Central Hudson	
Con Edison	
DPS	
National Fuel Gas	
National Grid	
NYSEG	Parties
NYSERDA	Energy Savvy
Orange and Rockland	
RG&E	

1. Introductions.

2. Review of 4/1/15 minutes.

No changes were made.

3. Subcommittee Updates

- **Small Commercial EM&V Studies Report Presentation**

John Zabliski, Chair of the Subcommittee, reviewed the objective of the subcommittee and presented the subcommittee's recommendations, including TRM changes and the proposed effective date of January 1, 2016, suggestions for quality control processes, abandoning the statewide SBDI Impact Evaluation RFP, and using this subcommittee process for other completed evaluation studies. The subcommittee also recommended that the proposed TRM changes follow the current revision process. Staff agreed and requested that because most of the group had already seen the changes that the process be expedited. There was concern expressed by PAs that complete data was not available to provide a full analysis of the difference between upstate and downstate data. PAs want to continue to work through this issue in the TRM subcommittee. The subcommittee Chair recommended that as the work of the subcommittee was complete the subcommittee be folded, and the Working Group agreed.

Staff noted that a process for documenting non-TRM changes should be developed.

PAs stated the proposed changes to the TRM resulting from the Small Commercial EM&V Studies would have a dampening effect on their ability to meet targets. The PAs asked Staff if the results of the data should be incorporated into their ETIP planning process.

- Staff stated that PAs were aware of the proposed changes and the effective date of January 1, 2016 and should consider the changes in their 2016 program planning.

ACTION ITEM: Small Commercial EM&V Subcommittee folded on April 29, 2015.

- **Joint and Statewide Studies**

Staff reviewed the objective of the subcommittee, which was to review and finalize the RFPs for three Statewide/Joint Evaluation Studies: 1) Non-participant Spillover; 2) Residential Load Shape Study; and 3) Small Business Direct Install Program Impact Evaluation. The subcommittee reported that it decided to not pursue the non-participant spillover study; the statewide SBDI study was handed over the SBDI subcommittee; and the Residential Load Shape Study is being handling by National Grid. The group discussed whether the subcommittee should remain open to monitor other statewide studies that may arise and if a separate subcommittee should be formed for the Residential Load Shape Study. It was decided to fold this subcommittee and form new ones as needed for specific studies, and that it was not necessary at this time to form a separate subcommittee for the Residential Load Shape Study.

PAs asked Staff about the current number of evaluations in process and requested Staff provide a list of the current evaluations.

- Staff responded that there are numerous process and impact evaluations and would have to check for more specific information.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide a list of current evaluations in process to the E² Working Group.

Joint and Statewide Studies Subcommittee folded on April 29, 2015.

- **EEPS II Wind Down Subcommittee**

Staff noted that the EEPS II Wind Down Subcommittee has not begun its work due to other priorities stemming from the REV Track 1 Order. As the ETIP Guidance and Program Cycle Documents are complete and the Post 2015 TRM Management Plan is near completion, the first meeting of the EEPS II Wind Down Subcommittee will be scheduled soon.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to schedule first meeting of EEPS II Wind Down Subcommittee.

- **Market Transformation and Metrics**

PAs inquired about the status of the formation of the subcommittee and suggested the subcommittee begin its work in the near term since it may entail a large amount of research.

- Staff responded that other work has taken priority due to filing dates required by the REV Track 1 Order and as those work products are at or near completion, the group can focus on other subcommittees. Staff reminded the group that it was previously decided that a PA would serve as Chair of the subcommittee. PAs were asked to designate a Chair and send their representative's name to Lisa Rosi.

ACTION ITEM: PAs to send representative's name and Chair for the Market Transformation and Metrics Subcommittee to Lisa Rosi by May 6, 2015 COB.

Staff to issue subcommittee template for Market Transformation and Metrics Subcommittee.

- **Data Tracking**

PAs requested the status of the Data Tracking Subcommittee.

- Staff stated that it will be scheduling a meeting soon.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to schedule first meeting of the Data Tracking Subcommittee.

4. Program Cycle

Staff informed the group that a new case number will be established for all utility electric and gas post-2015 filings.

Staff stated that it did not receive any comments on the draft Program Cycle that was circulated on April 21st. Staff noted that there will be a change to footnote 2 on page 1 of the April 21st draft to reflect the removal of a revision process in the ETIP Guidance. Staff is currently determining whether the revision process should be included in the ETIP Guidance or the Quarterly Reports. The Group supported the Program Cycle Guidance and Staff will file with the Secretary on May 1st.

PAs asked Staff if the TRM would be filed in the new case number.

- Staff will discuss internally and respond to the group.

Staff suggested that the E² Working Group Charter be revised to include the new case number and that parties to the case can observe the E² Working Group meetings, and PAs agreed. Staff stated it will send a draft of the revised charter to the group for comments.

ACTION ITEM: Program Cycle Guidance will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on May 1, 2015.

Staff to respond to question regarding the filing of the TRM.

Staff to send revised E² Working Group Charter to members for review before posting to web page.

5. ETIP Guidance

Staff asked for discussion/comments on the draft ETIP Guidance circulated on April 24th with the meeting materials. There were no concerns expressed by the Group. PAs asked for clarification regarding the process for revising ETIPs. Staff stated that although it is still being determined whether the revisions will be incorporated into quarterly reporting, the process is expected to be the same as the current Implementation Plan revision process, with Records of Revision as opposed to the filing of revised ETIPs. Staff also noted that the revision process will only apply to the first program year of the ETIP, as changes in subsequent years will be captured in future

ETIP filings. Staff stated that if it is decided to incorporate the ETIP revision process into quarterly reporting, the issue will be handled with the development of Reporting Requirements for post-2015 programs.

Staff recommended that the ETIP Guidance Subcommittee be folded as its work is complete. The Group agreed.

ACTION ITEM: ETIP Guidance will be filed with the Secretary on May 1, 2015.

ETIP Guidance Subcommittee folded on April 29, 2015.

6. Clean Energy Fund

Staff addressed the April 24, 2015 Notice issued by the Secretary extending the filing deadline of the Clean Energy Fund (CEF) Supplement from April 27, 2015 to June 8, 2015. The extension was granted to allow NYSERDA to consider the large-scale renewables option paper to be filed June 1, 2015 per the REV Track 1 Order. Staff noted that comments on the CEF Supplement are due July 7 and reply comments are due July 27.

PAs asked NYSERDA to clarify its April 27, 2015 letter filed with the Commission regarding its partial withdrawal of certain elements of its 2015 Reallocation Supplement.

- NYSERDA responded that it is requesting to withdraw certain elements of its 2015 Reallocation Supplement but maintain its \$1 million reallocation request to the EmPower program from sources identified in its reallocation supplement. NYSERDA stated it is withdrawing funding reallocation requests for all other programs included in the November 17, 2014 request because other sources of funding have become available. However, NYSERDA may pursue other funding reallocation requests through the current EEPS flexibility granted by the Commission.

7. Comments from Ex-Officio Participants and Parties

None

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the E² Working Group is scheduled for May 28, 2015 from 10-12pm in the 3rd Floor Hearing Room. The room will be available in the afternoon for subcommittee meetings.