

Economic Studies Process Scope of Work Strawman

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- Review the economic factors and modeling assumptions to be considered in the detailed evaluation of the benefits and costs of any potential METU under Attachment N and for the conduct of economic studies under Attachment K
 - The factors for identifying METU are listed in Attachment N
 - May result in more detailed evaluation instructions reflected in an ISO Planning Procedure
 - Stakeholders may seek to expand the list, which would require modifications to Attachment N
 - May be appropriate to have consistency between evaluations performed under Attachment N and Attachment K

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- Review the specifics of a currently-requested evaluation of a potential METU under Attachment N
 - For example, specific fuel price forecasts and load growth assumptions used in the economic evaluation
 - Requested completion date is early summer; ISO intends to work toward meeting that request
 - Study will also be shared with the PAC as required/appropriate
- Possibly create standards or metrics to guide the prioritization of Economic Studies submitted under Attachment K
 - Scope of Economic Studies
 - These could be reflected in an ISO Planning Procedure

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- Some stakeholders may wish to revisit the standards for qualifications and the cost allocation methodology applied to METU
 - Do these meet current needs?
 - Some have expressed interest in developing a third standard for incorporating transmission upgrades into the regional transmission rates, potentially with a unique cost allocation methodology for upgrades that provide access to renewable resources