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Mike, reply all doesn't seem to work, so would you be so kind as to distribute among the FCWG list?  
Thanks.

I am penning this note in the hopes that someone in or out of ISO can help me understand the intent of this document. I was expecting, perhaps mistakenly, to receive a document entitled "ISO position" or words to that effect. Instead, the document I received is called a "**DRAFT Straw Proposal**" which could be read to mean that the purpose of the document is simply to facilitate discussion. At the very least, it would be helpful to know what items, if any, in the draft strawman proposal ISO feels strongly about.

My second problem is that the proposal is too vague to meaningful, at least in some spots. For example, both the IMMU recommendations and the draft straw proposal suggest we should "Carry forward Out-of-Market (OOM) MWs **as appropriate** into future FCA's for purposes of determining when the APR is triggered." (emphasis supplied.) But without knowing what you think is appropriate, the statement seems meaningless.

Hopefully I am not just whining on a cloudy afternoon. But we are at a point where both load and suppliers have been at least fairly clear on what they are looking for and ISO needs to decide it needs to spend more time understanding the proposals and options or, alternatively, whether it wants to take a position or simply decide that it can live with whatever result emerges, so long as it is practicable. In any event, I think we will need to spend much of the day on the 24<sup>th</sup> just trying to understand what ISO is really trying to say,

Tom

My biggest [problems with it are 1) in a number of spots it is too vague to form an opinion and 2) I was expecting something entitled "ISO position" or words to that effect. Instead I have something called a "**DRAFT Straw Proposal**" which could be read to mean that the purpose of the document is simply to facilitate discussion. My guess is that neither interpretation is correct, but that's not very helpful.

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Please note that the "ISO Draft Straw Proposal" presentation, which will be discussed at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Forward Capacity Market Working Group, has been posted on the FCMWG website. To access this presentation please see [http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm\\_wkgrps/other/fcmwg/mtrls/2009/sep242009/fcmwg\\_9\\_24draftstraw.pdf](http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm_wkgrps/other/fcmwg/mtrls/2009/sep242009/fcmwg_9_24draftstraw.pdf).

Other September 24<sup>th</sup> FCMWG meeting information can be found at [http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm\\_wkgrps/othr/fcmwg/mtrls/2009/sep242009/index.html](http://www.iso-ne.com/committees/comm_wkgrps/othr/fcmwg/mtrls/2009/sep242009/index.html).

Please remember to register for this meeting if you plan to participate in person or via conference call. Online registration at <http://www.iso-ne.com/calendar/detail.action?eventId=41850&date=20090924&cats=&type=&link=yes&filter=off>.

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