

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NEPOOL Participants Committee Members and Alternates

**FROM:** Brian Forshaw, Chair, NEPOOL Participants Committee

**DATE:** April 30, 2010

**RE:** Participation in Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (“EIPC”) Stakeholder Process

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At the last meeting of the Participants Committee we discussed the importance of New England’s participation in the EIPC stakeholder process. We agreed that we would have active informal participation through NEPOOL counsel and a NEPOOL steering committee made up of the sector chairs and/or their designees and other interested persons. We also noted that the NEPOOL Participants should prepare for formal participation in the regional caucuses that will select EIPC Stakeholder Steering Committee (the “SSC”) members and will continue to play an important role in the development of the planning scenarios and analyses.<sup>1</sup> The New England sector caucuses will need to be formed in the month of May. This memo is intended to encourage that activity to take place and to provide some guidance on how to do it.

Although the specifications for the SSC have not yet been finalized<sup>2</sup>, the basic stakeholder structure for the EIPC will almost certainly be based on regional sector caucuses and an SSC made up of the sectors, the States, a Canadian provincial representative and *ex-officio* representatives from the Department of Energy and other federal agencies. The sectors will almost certainly be the five sectors laid out in the EIPC straw proposal, which include the following: (1) Transmission Owners and Developers; (2) Generation Owners and Developers (minimum 1 renewable and 1 non-renewable); (3) Other Suppliers (e.g. Power Marketers, Energy Storage, Distributed Generation; Minimum 1 Demand-side Resources representative); (4) Transmission-dependent Utilities, Public Power and Co-ops (e.g. Municipal utilities, Rural Co-ops, Power Authorities); and (5) End Users (e.g. Small consumer advocates, large consumers – minimum 1 state consumer advocate agency).<sup>3</sup> It is also highly likely that each of the five sectors in each of the nine regions will be able to have three sector caucus representatives (i.e., a total of fifteen EIPC sector caucus representatives from New England).

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<sup>1</sup> The relevant EIPC regions are: PJM, MISO, MAPP, NYISO, ISO-NE, SRRP, SPP, Florida, Canada.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the most recent communication from the EIPC, the SSC structure will not be finalized until at least mid-May. Only after the structure is finalized can actual members be selected to populate the seats.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to these market sectors, there will be a sector for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that will be populated on Eastern Interconnection-wide basis rather than regionally.

NEPOOL can facilitate the formation of the sector caucuses for New England by holding a special meeting (perhaps at the end of a regularly scheduled Technical Committee meeting) and by providing a communication vehicle for the sectors to select and make their candidates known to the EIPC. Given that EIPC recognizes only five sectors and has some requirements for certain types of representatives within sectors, the NEPOOL sectors will need to find a way to flexibly accommodate these constraints (e.g., instead of having three representatives each from Generation and Suppliers, we could try to have two each from Generators, Suppliers and Alternative Resources). Ultimately, our goal should be to have solid NEPOOL representation in the sector caucuses in the EIPC for both the selection of the SSC and for the ongoing work of the caucuses contemplated in the EIPC process.

We plan to discuss this further at the upcoming May 7, 2010 meeting of the Participants Committee. To facilitate this, we would like to identify up to three potential candidates to be Regional Sector Caucus Representatives from each Sector by the May 7<sup>th</sup> Participants Committee meeting. We believe that this approach will put us in the best position to populate the New England Regional Stakeholder Caucus Sectors once the final Stakeholder Steering Committee structure is finalized. In the meantime, provided below is further information regarding the formation of the sector caucuses. Please reach out to your Sector Vice Chairs if you are interested and willing to participate in this very important process.

If you have any questions about this memo or the EIPC, please contact Eric Runge of Day Pitney LLP, 617-345-4735, [ekrunge@daypitney.com](mailto:ekrunge@daypitney.com)

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According to the EIPC, all relevant stakeholders are eligible to be considered as a candidate and to participate in the selection of the Regional Sector Caucus Representatives. A relevant stakeholder is one that has an interest in the outcomes of the EIPC project, including the roll-up and analysis of approved regional plans, development of possible interregional expansion scenarios to be studied, and development of interregional transmission expansion options. The criteria for becoming a candidate include the following:

- Have seniority, stature and credibility within one's organization and sector
- Have the demonstrated ability to represent the interests of multiple organizations within the sector
- Have broad support of organizations and constituency groups within the sector
- Will keep sector participants across the Eastern Interconnection informed about the SSC activities and solicit input throughout the project
- Have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively with others with whom one disagrees
- Have a strong understanding of resource and transmission planning in the electricity industry, including technology and policy considerations
- Have the time, commitment and resources to participate fully

Regional Sector Caucus selections may be conducted in two ways: in person at a regionally sponsored meeting, and online through the EIPC website. To participate in the online process for selecting your Regional Sector Caucus representatives, you must first register online in your region and sector at <http://eipconline.com>. More information about online selection of

caucus members can be accessed at the following link:  
<http://www.eipconline.com/ExplanationOfSelection.aspx>

To participate in the Sector in-person meetings where Caucus representatives will be selected, look for information posted on <http://eipconline.com> for dates and locations of meetings. The meetings should be inclusive and transparent.<sup>4</sup>

All those who are selected to be Regional Sector Caucus members will be required to register on the EIPC website in order to participate in the selection of the Stakeholder Steering Committee.

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<sup>4</sup> Note that we propose that NEPOOL will coordinate its efforts with EIPC and will try to hold its selection at a time and location that makes sense from the perspective of other NEPOOL meetings and the EIPC schedule.