



# Charter of the Variable Resource Working Group

A Working Group of the NEPOOL Technical Committees

## 1. Fundamental Mission of the Variable Resource Working Group

The Variable Resource Working Group (“VRWG”) will provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas on issues relevant to the participation by Variable Resources in New England. The VRWG may provide input and advice to ISO New England (“ISO”) and to each of the NEPOOL Principal Committees with respect to issues related to any aspect of current, approved, or proposed Tariff provisions, manuals, operating or planning procedures, or business practices, or such other matters as may be delegated to it by any of the Principal Committees or for which the ISO may seek input and advice. It is expressly understood that the VRWG will not propose changes to a Tariff, Manual, Operating Procedure, or Planning Procedure provision unless expressly directed to do so by a Principal Committee.

## 2. Authority of the VRWG

The VRWG will serve in an advisory role to the ISO and the Principal Committees, and does not have a specific authority other than as outlined in this Charter and except as may be otherwise expressly agreed by NEPOOL and the ISO. Other than for selection of a VRWG Vice-Chair, the VRWG shall act by consensus.

## 3. Reporting Relationships

Because the issues related to Variable Resource participation in New England are intertwined with matters within the scope of responsibilities of each of the Principal Committees, the VRWG will be a standing working group of each of the Principal Committees, rather than any one of them. The VRWG will, to the extent necessary, report to, receive direction from, and undertake those responsibilities as may be directed from time to time by any or all of those Committees or by the ISO. As such, the VRWG Chair and Vice-Chair shall consult with the NEPOOL officers of the assigning Committee (or ISO representatives if originating from the ISO) concerning the specifics of the direction, delegation, or request. The VRWG will, through the VRWG Chair or member designee, report on a periodic basis to be determined in consultation with the NEPOOL officers of the Committee to which it is reporting, on the status of its activities and any input in response to direction or request of the Committee or the ISO.

## 4. Leadership of the VRWG

The VRWG shall have a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chair and Secretary of the VRWG shall be appointed by the ISO, after consultation with the Participants Committee officers. The Vice-Chair shall be a NEPOOL Participant representative selected annually from among the NEPOOL members of the VRWG by a majority of those NEPOOL members. For purposes of Vice-

Chair selection, each Participant, together with its Related Persons, shall have a single vote. The Vice-Chair may be replaced by the VRWG at any time, with or without cause, including but not limited to replacement because the Vice-Chair has changed Participant affiliation.

The Chair will be responsible for presiding at meetings of the VRWG, establishing agendas for its meetings in conjunction with the Vice-Chair, and shall have the powers and duties as are usually incident to such office. The Vice-Chair will solicit Participant input on and assist the Chair in establishing agendas for VRWG meetings. In addition, the Vice-Chair shall assume temporarily the role of Chair, either in the absence of the Chair or should the Chair not be able to fulfill the duties of the Chair. The Secretary shall be responsible for meeting logistics, ensuring that VRWG meetings are effectively organized, including arranging for meeting venues (and facilitating working group member access if and to the extent necessary), circulating meeting notices, agendas, and materials to VRWG members (and posting such materials on the ISO New England and/or NEPOOL website), keeping a record of VRWG materials, and making meeting materials available upon Principal Committee or Participant request.

## **5. Membership and Participation in the VRWG**

Participation in the VRWG will be open to all NEPOOL Participants, representatives of ISO New England, state utility regulatory agencies or similar interested governmental officials or representatives (including NECPUC and NESCOE), and Variable Resource (“VR”) Stakeholders. “VR Stakeholders” shall mean service, software, equipment, and technology providers that have an existing and ongoing business relationship with one or more Participant members of the VRWG, including Designated Entities for New England VRs. Others may attend and participate in a meeting of the VRWG only if and to the extent invited to do so by the Chair, and shall be identified at the meeting to the VRWG participants present.

## **6. Meetings**

Regular meetings of the VRWG will be held at least once per calendar quarter in accordance with a schedule adopted by the VRWG or at the call of the Chair or Vice-Chair. Regular meetings of the VRWG may be conducted in person at such place as the Chair may designate, by telephone, or by other electronic means by which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate in real time with each other. The VRWG will endeavor to meet in person at least one time per calendar year.

The agenda for each VRWG meeting will be established by the Chair in conjunction with the Vice-Chair. A formal request by five (5) VRWG participants that an item be included on a VRWG agenda shall not be unreasonably refused.

Electronic notice of each VRWG meeting will be provided to VRWG participants at least three (3) Business Days prior to the date of the meeting. A VRWG meeting notice will specify the principal subject matters expected to be considered. VRWG meeting dates, locations, agendas, and materials will be accessible from the ISO New England and NEPOOL websites.

## **7. Defined Terms**

Terms used in this Charter that are not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the NEPOOL Agreement, the Participants Agreement, or the ISO Tariff.