



**To:** Participants Committee  
**From:** Erin Wasik-Gutierrez, Secretary, Markets Committee  
**Date:** March 25, 2020  
**Subject:** Actions of the Markets Committee

This memo is notification to the Participants Committee of the following actions taken by the Markets Committee (MC) at its March 24, 2020 meeting. All sectors had a quorum.

1. **(Agenda Item 1A) February 11-13, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

Based on a voice vote, the Markets Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 11-13, 2020 Markets Committee meeting.

2. **(Agenda Item 2B) Energy Security Improvements (ESI)**

**ACTION: MOTION FAILED**

The following motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Markets Committee recommends that the Participants Committee support the Tariff revisions for Energy Security Improvements, as proposed by ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") and as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

**(Vote 1 – Passed (Agenda Item No. 2(B)(i) NESCOE Amendment Setting Replacement Energy Reserves to Zero for Non-winter Months))**

Before the main motion could be voted, the following motion to amend the main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the main motion be amended to reflect the changes contained in the materials provided by NESCOE relating to setting Replacement Energy Reserves to zero for non-winter months, as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

The motion to amend the main motion was then voted by roll call. The motion passed with a vote of 60.73% in favor. The individual Sector votes were Generation (0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed,

0 abstentions<sup>1</sup>), Transmission (14.93% in favor, 1.87% opposed, 0 abstentions), Supplier (6.72% in favor, 10.07% opposed, 5 abstentions), Publicly Owned Entity (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 0 abstentions), Alternative Resources (5.50% in favor, 10.54% opposed, 1 abstention), and End User (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 2 abstentions).

**(Vote 2 – Failed (Agenda Item No. 2(B)(ii) NESCOE Amendment to Remove Accounting for Load Forecast Error in Replacement Energy Reserves))**

Before the amended main motion could be voted, the following motion to amend the amended main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the main motion be amended to reflect the changes contained in the materials provided by NESCOE relating to the removal of the load forecast error in Replacement Energy Reserves, as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

The motion to amend the amended main motion was then voted by roll call. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 59.61% in favor. The individual Sector votes were Generation (0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed, 0 abstentions<sup>2</sup>), Transmission (14.93% in favor, 1.87% opposed, 0 abstentions), Supplier (5.60% in favor, 11.19% opposed, 3 abstentions), Publicly Owned Entity (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 0 abstentions), Alternative Resources (5.50% in favor, 10.54% opposed, 1 abstention), and End User (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 4 abstentions).

**Withdrawn – Motion for Agenda Item No. 2(B)(iii) MA AGO Amendment Eliminating Replacement Energy Reserves from Day Ahead Ancillary Services**

Before the motion to amend the amended main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office informed the committee it was withdrawing its amendment to eliminate Replacement Energy Reserves from ISO New England's Day Ahead Ancillary Services design.

**Withdrawn – Motion for Agenda Item No. 2(B)(iv) MA AGO & NESCOE Joint Amendment for Regular Assessments**

Before the motion to amend the amended main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and NESCOE informed the committee it was withdrawing its joint amendment to establish regular assessments of the competitiveness of the Energy Security Improvements and the call option offers.

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<sup>1</sup> Two (2) abstentions were also noted within the Generation Group Member.

<sup>2</sup> Two (2) abstentions were also noted within the Generation Group Member.

**Withdrawn - Motion for Agenda Item No. 2(B)(v) – MA AGO & NESCOE Joint Amendment Establishing a Look Back Provision**

Before the motion to amend the amended main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and NESCOE informed the committee it was withdrawing its joint amendment to the creation of a look back provision to enable evaluation of ESI's efficacy.

**(Vote 3 – Failed (Agenda Item No. 2(B)(vi) NESCOE Amendment Strike Price \$10 Adder))**

Before the amended main motion could be voted, the following motion to amend the amended main motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the main motion be amended to reflect the changes contained in the materials provided by NESCOE relating to a strike price \$10 adder, as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

The motion to amend the amended main motion was then voted by roll call. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 56.68% in favor. The individual Sector votes were Generation (0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed, 0 abstentions<sup>3</sup>), Transmission (14.39% in favor, 2.40% opposed, 1 abstention), Supplier (4.58% in favor, 12.21% opposed, 4 abstentions), Publicly Owned Entity (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 0 abstentions), Alternative Resources (4.12% in favor, 11.92% opposed, 2 abstentions), and End User (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 5 abstentions).

**(Vote 4 – Failed (Amended Main Motion))**

The amended main motion was then voted by roll call. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 51.77% in favor. The individual Sector votes were Generation (0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed, 0 abstentions), Transmission (13.43% in favor, 3.36% opposed, 2 abstentions), Supplier (6.72% in favor, 10.07% opposed, 5 abstentions), Publicly Owned Entity (16.79% in favor, 0.00% opposed, 21 abstentions), Alternative Resources (5.50% in favor, 10.54% opposed, 2 abstentions), and End User (9.33% in favor, 7.46% opposed, 4 abstentions).

**(Vote 5 – Failed (Unamended ISO Proposal))**

The unamended ISO Energy Security Improvements proposal was then voted by roll call. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 42.41%<sup>4</sup> in favor. The individual Sector votes were Generation (14.39% in favor, 2.40% opposed, 0 abstentions), Transmission (3.36% in favor, 13.43% opposed, 2 abstentions), Supplier (13.43% in favor, 3.36% opposed, 5 abstentions), Publicly Owned Entity

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<sup>3</sup> Two (2) abstentions were also noted within the Generation Group Member.

<sup>4</sup> Following the March 24, 2020 Markets Committee meeting, it was discovered that during the meeting the split vote of the Small LR Group Member from the Alternative Resources Sector was not registered. This Actions Letter reflects that split vote and corrects the Alternative Resources Sector and overall percentages accordingly.

(0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed, 0 abstentions), Alternative Resources (11.23% in favor, 4.81% opposed, 2 abstentions), and End User (0.00% in favor, 16.79% opposed, 2 abstentions).

**3. (Agenda Item 2.1) Early Sunset of Inventoried Energy Program**

**ACTION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT**

The following motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Markets Committee recommends that the Participants Committee support the Tariff revisions for the Early Sunset of the Inventoried Energy Program, which is conditional upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's acceptance of the filed Energy Security Improvements Tariff changes for FCA 15, as proposed by ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") and as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

The motion was then voted and passed based on a voice vote. Two (2) oppositions and two (2) abstentions in the Generation Sector, one (1) abstention in the Transmission Sector, three (3) oppositions and one (1) abstention in the Supplier Sector, four (4) abstentions in the Alternative Resources Sector and one (1) abstention in the End User Sector were recorded.

**4. (Agenda Item 3) Corrections to Economic Life Revisions**

**ACTION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT**

The following motion was moved and seconded by the Markets Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Markets Committee recommends that the Participants Committee support the revisions to Market Rule 1 for Corrections to Economic Life Revisions addressing the FERC's March 10, 2020 order issued in docket no. ER18-1770-002 to reflect the rejection of the Economic Life Revisions associated with a Permanent De-List Bid or Retirement De-List Bid, as proposed by ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") and as circulated for this meeting, with those further changes recommended by this Committee and such further non-substantive changes as the Chair and Vice-Chair may approve.

The motion was then voted and passed based on a voice vote. One (1) abstention from the End User Sector was recorded.