

Frequently Asked Questions about the SSC Selection Process



Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative



WHAT IS THE STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC)?

The work of the EIPC will be guided by a Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC), which will be selected by stakeholders through a two-step approach that includes all regions and relevant stakeholders. The first step is to select your Regional Sector Caucus representatives. In the second step, the Sector Caucus representatives from all regions will meet in-person or online to select the SSC members for the EIPC, generally from among themselves.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

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. An entity and all individuals connected with that entity may participate in only one sector, but may participate in multiple regions if it conducts business in those regions.

WHAT ARE THE SECTORS?

The stakeholder sectors that will be represented on the Sector Caucuses and the SSC are currently under development. The leading proposal under consideration by stakeholders is:

Transmission Owners and Developers

Generation Owners & Developers (minimum 1 renewable and 1 non-renewable)

Other Suppliers (e.g. Power Marketers, Energy Storage, Distributed Generation; Minimum 1 Demand-side Resources representative)

Transmission-dependent utilities (TDUs), Public Power & Coops (e.g. Municipal utilities, Rural Co-ops, Power Authorities)

End Users (e.g. Small consumer advocates, large consumers – minimum 1 state consumer advocate agency)

NGOs (e.g. climate change & energy, land and habitat conservation)

State representatives appointed by the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council

Canadian Provincial representative appointed by Canadian Provinces

Ex Officio Members: U.S. DOE, U.S. EPA

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WHAT ARE THE REGIONS?

The regions are defined by the geographic boundaries of the major Planning Authorities in the Eastern Interconnection.

ISO- NE	NYISO	PJM	SIRPP	Other SE
ME VT NH MA RI CT	NY	NJ MD DE VA WVA DC PA (part) OH (part) IN (part) IL (part) KY (part) NC (part) MI (part)	TVA Southern Companies Duke Energy Companies Entergy Companies Georgia Transmission Corp Municipal Electric Authority of GA So Mississippi Elec Power Auth SC Elec & Gas Santee Cooper Progress Energy Carolinas E. ON U.S. Power South Dalton Utilities	FL

MISO	MAPP	SPP	Eastern Canada
MN (part) IA (part) MI (part) SD (part) ND (part) IN (part) IL (part) OH (part) MO (part) MT (part) WI (part) PA (part) KY (part) Manitoba	MN (part) IA (part) NE (part) SD (part) ND (part) MT (part) WI (parts) Manitoba	TX (parts) LA (parts) NM (part) MO (part) MS (part) AR (part) NE OK KS	New Brunswick Saskatchewan Quebec Ontario Manitoba

WHO CAN BE ON THE REGIONAL SECTOR CAUCUS AND SSC?

Anyone who qualifies to represent the sector within that region may submit his/her candidacy for selection to the Regional Sector Caucus. The qualification criteria for becoming a candidate include the following:

- 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
- 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
- Commit to keep sector participants across the EI informed about the SSC activities and solicit input throughout the project
- Have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively with others with whom one disagrees

HOW WILL THE REGIONAL SECTOR CAUCUS CANDIDATES BE SELECTED?

Only relevant participants in the region and sector may select their Regional Sector Caucus Representatives. The Sector participants may choose to meet in person with access provided for

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those not attending, or may choose to conduct the selection process on line at a site hosted by EIPC at <http://eipconline.com>.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

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>. Approved registrations will receive email confirmation within a day. Staff from The Keystone Center will review registrations to verify valid email addresses and identify any irregularities.

To participate in the Regional 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.

HOW DO I BECOME A REGIONAL SECTOR CAUCUS CANDIDATE?

Individuals seeking to be selected as Sector Caucus representatives through the online process must complete a Candidate Application Form listing qualifications, affiliations. The process for becoming a Regional Sector Caucus Candidate at in-person meetings will be determined by the Sector participants of each region.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REGIONAL SECTOR CAUCUS CANDIDATES?

Information about all candidates in the online process will be made available and can be viewed by all registered participants. If appropriate, The Keystone Center will facilitate an online Regional Sector Candidate forum for participants to learn more about the candidates' qualifications and ask questions directly of the candidates. You must attend the in-person meeting or participate through conference call to learn more about the Sector Caucus candidates for Regional Sectors not participating in the online process.

HOW DO I VOTE?

In the online process, each registered participant will vote for the prescribed number of candidates equal to the number of that sector's or subsector's SSC seats. (For example, for sectors with three SSC representatives, every participant will be allowed to vote for three (3) Caucus Sector candidates from their region.) The candidates receiving the most votes will be the designated Regional Sector Caucus representatives. The names of the elected Regional Sector Caucuses representatives from all Regions will be posted within two days of the close of voting. The Keystone Center in collaboration with EIPC members will review and verify the results and identify any irregularities.

The process for voting at in-person meetings will be determined by the Sector participants attending the meeting.

HOW WILL THE STAKEHOLDER STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE SELECTED?

The Sector Caucus representatives must complete an SSC candidate application form online one week in advance of the designated deadline for SSC selection. The Sector Caucus representatives from all regions will meet in-person or online to select their SSC members. The TO sector will select the TO SSC members, the End User Sector will select the End User SSC members, etc. If

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the Sector Caucus chooses to meet in person, provisions must be made to allow participation of those Sector Caucus Representatives who cannot attend. If the Sector Caucus chooses to use the online selection process, the following procedures apply:

- Each Sector Caucus representative will be allowed to select a number of candidates equal to the number of their Sector's membership on the SSC. (The TO sector will select 3 individuals, the NGO sector will select 3, etc.)
- Those receiving the most votes will be seated as members of the SSC.
- Staff from The Keystone Center, in collaboration with EIPC members, will review and verify the results and identify any irregularities.
- The names of the SSC members will be posted within one day of the close of voting.

HOW WILL THE PROCESS DIFFER FOR THE NGO SECTOR?

The NGO Sector will select its EI Sector Caucus representatives by meeting or using the online website hosted by the EIPC for the entire Eastern Interconnection rather than for each region. The EI Sector Caucus representatives will then select the NGO SSC members.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE SSC IS SELECTED?

Caucus members, by virtue of their nomination, will have credibility with their stakeholder sectors and represent a broader range of interests than the SSC members can. The Caucus members will continue to play a significant role, for example:

- Serve as designated alternates to the SSC when an elected SSC member cannot attend a meeting or steps down
- Serve on the Stakeholder Work Groups (SWGs). SWGs will be assigned tasks and issues to investigate on behalf of the SSC, will be responsible for gathering input from their Sector and will report back to the SSC with recommendations.
- Work with the SSC to seek input from the larger stakeholder community on key issues and keep that community informed of the activities and decisions of the SSC.
- Provide advice to the SSC members based on input from the larger stakeholder community.

WHEN WILL THE SSC MEET?

The SSC will meet three or four times a year in-person through June 2012. In addition, the SSC will meet by conference call and webinar as needed between the in-person meetings.