

*Joint Comments of Eastern Interconnection End Users on
Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) Selection Process in
EIPC's Stakeholder Steering Committee Straw Proposal*

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The End User sector has been providing comments on various aspects of the straw proposal as it has evolved through written comments and participation at EIPC webinars and meetings. The scope of these joint comments is limited to the Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) Selection Process contained in EIPC's Stakeholder Steering Committee Straw Proposal. After a number of discussions between end users in the Eastern Interconnection, end users concluded that the "separate, Eastern Interconnection-wide selection process" in the straw proposal that would be applied to the NGO sector would also be the best process for selecting SSC members to represent the end user sector on the SSC.

The "Stakeholder Steering Committee Selection Process" section of the April 20, 2010 EIPC Stakeholder Steering Committee Straw Proposal has a bullet stating "Because NGOs may be national organizations and may not have the resources to participate in each 890 regional process, NGOs would have a separate, Eastern Interconnection-wide process for selecting caucus members." Like NGOs, end users representatives may also be from national (or at least Eastern Interconnection-wide) organizations and "may not have the resources to participate in each 890 regional process." The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) is one such national entity that represents end users.

Eastern Interconnection end users believe that representatives of the other sectors and the overall EIPC mission will not be adversely affected by this proposal. Like other sectors, the end user sector will seek to achieve regional diversity in the selection of our SSC representatives and will have ongoing consultations between the SSC members representing the end user sector and representatives of end user interests throughout the Eastern Interconnection.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the EIPC straw proposal. We look forward to finalizing the stakeholder process of providing input on the structure and operation of the SSC so we can proceed with the important work that will be accomplished by the EIPC. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals below with any questions or concerns about these joint comments.

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