

To: SSC Members
From: Roy Thilly, Chair
Re: Getting Organized
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As was discussed at the two recent EIPC SSC webinars on the Gas-Electric Interface Study, we need to get organized so that SSC participation is effective. This will involve refreshing sector representation since some representatives will no longer be available and, for other reasons, a sector may wish to substitute representatives based on availability, interest and expertise.

We would like to get organized before the first SSC meeting, so the focus of that meeting can be on substantive matters, rather than on organization. The objective is to continue under the existing SSC Charter, while adding a new gas sector with representatives from three subsectors – producers, pipelines and local distribution companies. The SSC will have to vote to add the new sector. To do so, we need to refresh SSC sector representation first.

The process we would like to follow is set forth below. Please email me (rthilly@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns about it. Following this process should allow us to convene a meeting of the full SSC in late September or early October to be briefed in further detail on the study, the sensitivities available and regional input on those sensitivities, and to provide the SSC's input. In the meantime, it is very important for everyone to individually review and comment on the work plan for the RFP by July 12th.

The process for organizing the sectors is:

1. The SSC sector speaking representatives in place last December will lead the reorganization. They should inform Dave Whiteley (d.a.whiteley@att.net) and me by July 22 of the names of the individuals within their sectors who will be their three SSC speaking/voting members for this project and who will be their additional sector table representatives. We will need contact information for the people identified.
2. To complete this task, the current speaking reps should host one or more conference calls of their sectors to determine if their existing reps will continue to participate in the roles they occupied for the transmission study, or if substitutions will be made.
3. As the Planning Authorities are hosting regional stakeholder meetings where individuals from the sectors are participating, the Planning Authorities should inform the SSC sector reps through Dave and me of the names of anyone who would like to be included in an SSC sector's deliberations. This should be done by July 8, to facilitate the sector reorganization that needs to be completed by July 22.

4. While this is happening, Dave will have discussions with groups that represent the three gas subsectors to solicit interest in organizing the proposed new gas sector. The objective will be to have the proposed sector ready for the SSC to act on admitting shortly after July 22.

Any suggestions on this task are very welcome now. It would also be very helpful to know now if any of the existing sectors has a concern with adding a gas sector along the lines described above. If not, we may be able to take action on a short call or even by email.

5. At the same time, I will look at the SSC Charter to see if there are any changes that will need to be made to accommodate adding a sector. Others should do the same and get me their thoughts by email. We will need to talk with EISPC to be sure there is not a concern with the change that will occur in the balance of power under the Charter due to the addition of a new sector. Any needed amendments to the Charter should be acted on when a gas sector is formally admitted (assuming that the SSC agrees to that addition).

Finally, in response to several inquiries, the EIPC has stated that the same system will be used to reimburse the SCC meeting travel expenses of the NGO and Consumer Advocate representatives on the SSC.

cc: David Whiteley