

Market Design & Platform Technology (MDPT) Group Work Plan & Scope of Work

On February 26, 2015, the New York Public Service Commission (PSC) issued an Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan (Order), stating that:

“The Market Design Platform Technology (MDPT) group will file a detailed work plan by March 26, 2015, and will issue its first report or reports by July 1, 2015. To provide for party input on preliminary findings and/or recommendations, the MDPT group must engage in an outreach effort to interested stakeholders including representatives of low income customers.”

Accordingly, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and the New York State Smart Grid Consortium (NYSSGC), in collaboration with the New York Department of Public Service (DPS), collectively the MDPT “core team,” file this memorandum and MDPT Scope of Work (Scope) in fulfillment of the Order requirement.

The Scope of Work, attached as Appendix A, outlines the purpose of the MDPT group process, details the MDPT group process and schedule, and delineates ten MDPT tasks to be led by subgroups. MDPT subgroups are presently engaged in carrying out the scope, with guidance and direction from the core team.

This memo provides additional information related to MDPT in-person meeting dates, key milestones, as well as public engagement opportunities. An updated list of the working group members of each group is attached as Appendix B.

Market Design and Platform Technology Milestones

The core team initiated the MDPT group process with a kickoff meeting in New York City on January 29, 2015. The group has met two additional times – for a Grid Architecture Workshop on February 24, 2015, and for a two day Innovation Workshop, along with invited subject matter experts, on March 9 and 10, 2015 in Albany, New York. The next meeting of the combined MDPT group is scheduled for April 1 in Brooklyn, New York. Additional in-person meetings are anticipated to be held in either New York City or Albany, New York.

The following milestone dates will guide the work and outcomes of the MDPT process:

- Week of April 15, 2015 MDPT core team posts preliminary drafts of task group work in progress on the core team website (see below)
- Week of April 20, 2015 Approximate dates for MDPT in-person meeting
- Week of May 11, 2015 Approximate dates for MDPT in-person meeting
- Week of May 25, 2015 MDPT draft recommendations available for stakeholder input
- Week of June 1, 2015 Approximate dates for MDPT in-person meeting
- Week of June 22, 2015 Approximate dates for MDPT in-person meeting
- July 1, 2015 Per the February 26 Order, MDPT core team submit report to PSC

- August 3, 2015 Per the February 26 Order, Staff, in consultation with utilities and other interested parties, to issue detailed guidance regarding the contents of DSIPs
- December 15, 2015 Per the February 26 Order, each utility files a DSIP

Opportunities for Public Engagement

As directed by the Commission, the MDPT core team is engaging in outreach efforts to interested stakeholders. Key outreach efforts include the following:

- The core team has launched a website (www.newyorkrevworkinggroups.com) to serve as a resource for MDPT working group members to access and collaborate on information related to scope, schedule, materials and deliverables, including the final reports making recommendations to the PSC.
- The website homepage is also a primary means to engage the public on MDPT draft outputs for comment. The public site presently includes the published Scope of Work and Order.
- The website will additionally publish draft deliverables of the MDPT process for public comment. The website will include information on the public comment processes.
- In accordance with the Order, the Core team is developing an outreach effort to interested stakeholders including representatives of low-income customers. Opportunities for engagement will be posted as available on the MDPT website.