

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 14-M-0101 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in  
Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision.

RULING ESTABLISHING COLLABORATIVE AGENDA  
AND WORKING SCHEDULE

(Issued May 1, 2014)

ELEANOR STEIN, Administrative Law Judge:

This ruling will establish the agenda for the first collaborative meeting and a working schedule for this proceeding. The collaborative meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014, commencing at 10:00 A.M. and adjourning at 4:00 P.M., in Meeting Room 6 in the Concourse Level of Empire State Plaza, Albany.

As directed in the Commission order instituting the proceeding,<sup>1</sup> this inquiry will proceed on two parallel tracks. The participation of parties in collaborative discussion and filed comments, based upon the Staff Report and subsequent Staff straw proposals, is of signal importance, and is expected to contribute to and augment the Commission's policy determinations. In addition to collaborative meetings, parties will have opportunities to fully present their views in filed comments on Staff proposals.

Agenda for the May 12 Collaborative Meeting

The purposes of this collaborative meeting are both substantive and procedural. First, this meeting will provide an opportunity for a brief presentation by Staff, followed by questions and discussion of the Staff Report, focused on the

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<sup>1</sup> Case 14-M-0101, *In Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision*, Order Instituting Proceeding (issued April 25, 2014) (Instituting Order).

Track 1 issues. Second, at this meeting the Administrative Law Judge and parties will establish ground rules, discuss the scope of the collaborative, and establish a working schedule, taking into consideration the Commission requirements for the case as a whole.

In the collaborative we will be guided by the issues framework included in the Staff Report and Proposal. Divided into the two tracks of this inquiry, this framework represents those issues underlying potential policy decisions. The first collaborative meeting will concern Track 1 issues only.

At the collaborative meeting, parties are encouraged to identify common interests so as to participate most effectively and efficiently. Parties interested in pursuing specific policy issues will be encouraged to work together to craft approaches to those issues, and for subsequent meetings we will break into working groups by issue.

The Agenda is as follows:

10:00 - 10:15 AM	Welcome and overview
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Discussion of ground rules and process
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Staff presentation on Report and questions
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Quick feedback breakout sessions
12:45 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Report back from breakout groups
2:00 - 3:45 PM	Breakout session by issue group, with formation of working groups by issue: Discussion of working group scope and workplan
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Reconvene
4:00 PM	Adjourn

Overview of the Case Schedule

The first track of this proceeding will begin immediately and will be concerned with both the distributed system platform provider (DSPP) issues, and concerns of customer empowerment and protection. The collaborative discussions will form the basis for revised Staff proposals and the development of further policy recommendations on distributed services and customer value for Commission consideration. We anticipate a status report at the Commission's July 10, 2014 session; the Commission expects to reach a generic policy determination on these issues before the end of the year.

The second track of this process will concern consideration of regulatory changes and ratemaking issues. I am issuing today a ruling distributing a list of Staff questions on these issues to begin soliciting party viewpoints toward crafting a Staff straw proposal on these Track 2 issues. For parties engaged in these issues, this ruling establishes a deadline for party responses to the Staff questions. The Commission expects to reach a generic Commission policy determination on these issues in the first quarter of 2015.

I have established a working schedule for this proceeding, by track, designed to bring the DSPP and customer issues before the Commission on the schedule it has established. Take notice that this process will entail numerous working group and sub-group meetings, between parties and members of Department of Public Service Staff, to discuss the many issues on the REV agenda. The schedule is as follows:

Track 1

May 12 First Collaborative Meeting

May 22 Symposium [focused on Track 1 but all welcome to attend]

[Meetings of working groups on issues defined at the collaborative meeting]

July 10 Track 1: PSC Session technical conference to present status report on DSPP and customer issues

August 7 Track 1: Staff straw proposal issued for comment

September 8 Track 1: Party Comments filed on Staff straw proposal

TRACK 2

June 13 Track 2: Party responses to Staff questions filed

July 21 Track 2: First Collaborative Meeting - Regulatory Changes - Staff presentation

[Meetings of working groups on issues defined at the collaborative meeting]

September 4 Track 2: PSC Session technical conference to present status report on regulatory reform and rate issues

October 2 Track 2: Staff straw proposal on regulatory changes issued for comment

November 4 Track 2: Party comments filed on revised Staff straw proposal on regulatory changes

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ELEANOR STEIN