

Potential Next Topics for Interconnection Policy Working Group (IPWG):

Procedural:

Members/number of seats, in-person attendance/participation, communication to industry (ITWG relies on trade association), decision making protocols etc.

Policy Items:

- New DTT policy work - legal, regulatory, and implementation (in coordination with ITWG)
- Develop policy for greater cost predictability and then cost certainty/standardization
- Add "material modifications" policy to SIR - What aspects of an application can be updated and to what extent while still maintaining it as the same application
- Add a process to the SIR for updating preliminary technical reports and CESIR studies in the event of changes in the queue ahead of a project
- Develop more complete non-first-mover cost-sharing policy
- Add more details to the SIR on how storage applications will be processed/reviewed
- Add a construction timeline requirement for Utilities
- Add more usable and effective dispute resolution process
- Address timeline language in SIR including (see list on pg. 2).

Updates to SIR language

- Update C Step 7 language - "Utility retains the right to re-assess the project's inventory position if the applicant exceeds either of these timeframes" should be "if the applicant exceeds either of these timelines, the interconnection request shall be removed from the queue and no further action on the part of the utility is required".
- Remove or update 12 month notification language - "If the final acceptance as set out in Step 6 below is not completed within twelve (12) months of receipt of such executed copy of the New York State Standardized Contract as a result of applicant inactivity, the utility has the right to notify the applicant by U.S. first class mail with delivery receipt confirmation that the applicant's project will be removed from the utility's interconnection inventory if the applicant does not respond within thirty (30) Business Days of the issue of such notification and provide a project status update and/or justification as to why the project should remain in the utility's interconnection inventory for an additional period of time.
- Correct C Step 4 language "If the applicant fails to notify the utility of their decision within fifteen (15) Business Days of notification of the Preliminary Analysis results, or at the end of the extension, if one was requested, the Interconnection Request shall be deemed inactive and no further action on the part of the utility will be required until positive confirmation is received"
- Standardize on "shall be removed from the queue" vs "shall be deemed withdrawn"
- 10 business day requirement in Step 3 of both <50 kW and >50kW projects, and interface with Step 4 15 business days in Step 4 > 50kW
- Addition of < 50 kW SIR a timeline for removal from queue