

Electric Vehicles Infrastructure and Interconnection Working Group (EVIIWG) Mission, Governance & Operations

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Mission

The Electric Vehicles Infrastructure and Interconnection Working Group (EVIIWG) is tasked to identify, discuss, and resolve the technical barriers and challenges associated with the electric vehicle (EV) interconnection process; including queue management and the standardized interconnection requirements (SIR) specifically for EVs in New York State in a collaborative, efficient and effective manner.

The Order Approving Midpoint Review Whitepaper's Recommendations with Modifications issued November 16, 2023 (Midpoint Order) directs Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Ed) to submit a straw proposal that describes its efforts in streamlining their queue management system no later than March 15, 2024. In the same Order, the Commission directed Staff to initiate the EVIIWG to use the existing SIR process and procedures as a framework for the group to address the straw proposal.

The goal of the EVIIWG is to streamline identified difficulties and barriers that affect the interconnection of EVs, building electrification, and any other associated processes that includes the interconnection application queue, review, and approval process. Once all parties agree that the amended straw proposal can be adapted to a statewide standardized process, the newly drafted proposal will be filed by Department of Public Service (DPS Staff) via the State Administrative Procedures Act (SAPA) for further review and comments as required by the Midpoint Order. Once the mission of the group is accomplished it will become a subgroup of the Interconnection Technical Working Group (ITWG).

Purpose

The purpose of the EVIIWG is to review, discuss, and modify as necessary, the EV interconnection and queue management straw proposal set forth by Con Edison on March 15, 2024.

Membership

The EVIIWG shall be facilitated by the DPS and comprised of representatives from other state agencies, electric utilities, and the EV Industry.

Technical Consultants – Technical consultants can participate in the EVIIWG meetings and may be invited for their technical expertise and for assistance on technical determinations on specific topics.

Responsibilities of Members

Attendance - EVIIWG member will make every attempt to attend all meetings and to review all documents circulated prior to a meeting. It is the responsibility of a member to attend all meetings,

if a member or a proxy cannot attend a meeting, the member should inform the DPS meeting facilitator prior to the meeting (by telephone or e-mail).

Information Dissemination - It is the responsibility of the EVIIWG or proxy to inform their organizations associates of any developments that may occur within the EVIIWG.

Subcommittee Operations - The EVIIWG may designate subcommittees on specific topics. These subcommittees will be charged sharing its findings with the entire EVIIWG for further discussion.

Agenda Setting – The agenda topics will focus on developing queue management and interconnection processes as first outlined in the straw proposal. Additional agenda topic requests will be sought prior to each meeting, via e-mail. The agenda will be established at the start of each meeting with the most relevant topics. It is the responsibility of members or proxies to communicate these efforts with their respective groups to ensure that the most relevant topics are discussed.

Decision Making Processes

Consensus - The goal of the EVIIWG will be to make recommendations to the Commission by consensus of its members, where consensus shall mean that all the members agree with, agree in part with or will not dissent to the decision. If the EVIIWG is unable to form a consensus, then the dissenting parties will be expected to explain and offer another solution or alternative for group discussion.

EVIIWG member organizations are responsible for respectfully voicing their recommendations, objections, and concerns.

Technical Consultancy Support - A consultant with technical expertise may be asked to provide additional information and recommendations on specific topics where consensus cannot be reached.

Non-Consensus Process – When an issue cannot reach consensus, DPS will deliberate the subject matter with DPS subject matter experts (and if necessary, the Commission) and ultimately provide the final decision.

Process to Transition to ITWG -

Once the interconnection and queue management issues have been addressed and the straw proposal amended into a statewide process the EVIIWG member organization can report as a sub-group to the ITWG