



February 18, 2026

Hon. Michelle Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 20-E-0197 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement Transmission Planning Pursuant to the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Materials for the Energy Policy Planning Advisory Council (EPPAC) on Monday, February 23, 2026, are enclosed. The agenda and instructions for participating are below.

**February 23, 2026 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

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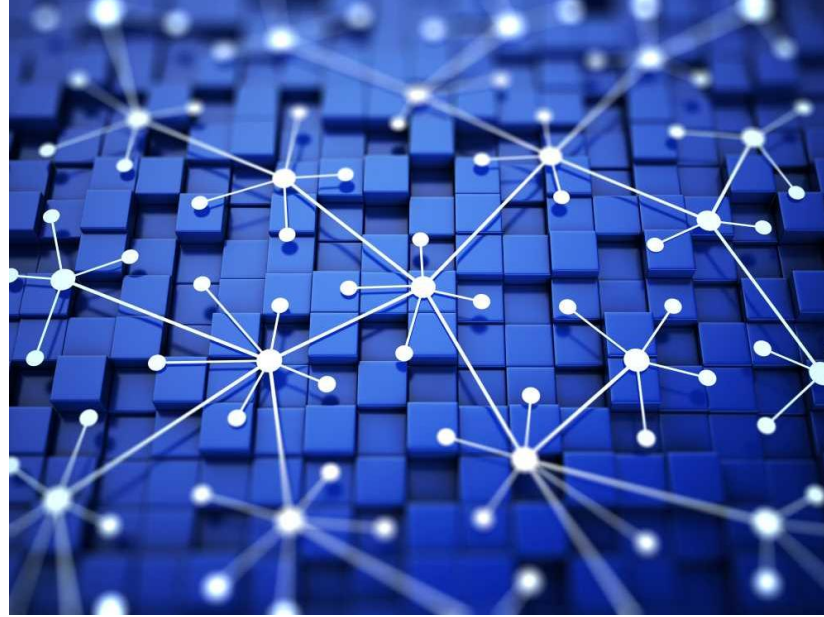
Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Recap (DPS)
- 2) Stage 3/4 Review (JU)
- 3) Stage 5 Update (JU)
- 4) Closing and Next Steps (DPS)

As described in the Order Approving a Coordinated Grid Planning Process issued on August 17, 2023, interested stakeholders may attend and listen but only EPPAC members will be speaking and actively participating in the meeting. The meetings will be recorded and links to the recordings will be filed in this proceeding. Questions concerning the EPPAC should be directed to [EPPAC@dps.ny.gov](mailto:EPPAC@dps.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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## Briefing: CGPP Stages 3 & 4

February 23, 2026

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Energy Policy Planning Advisory  
Committee (EPPAC)

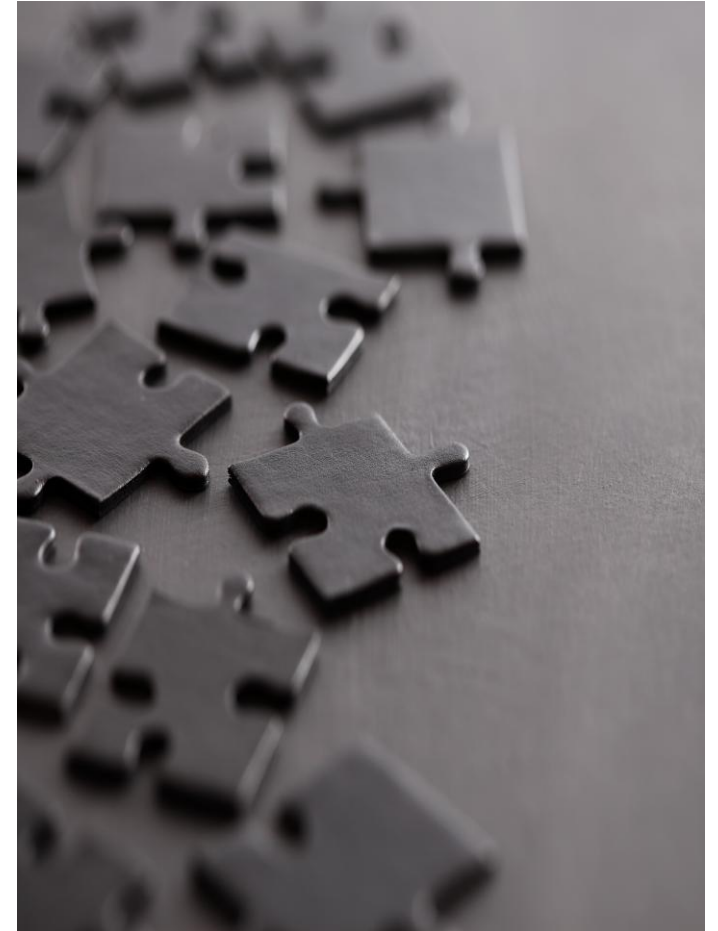


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# AGENDA

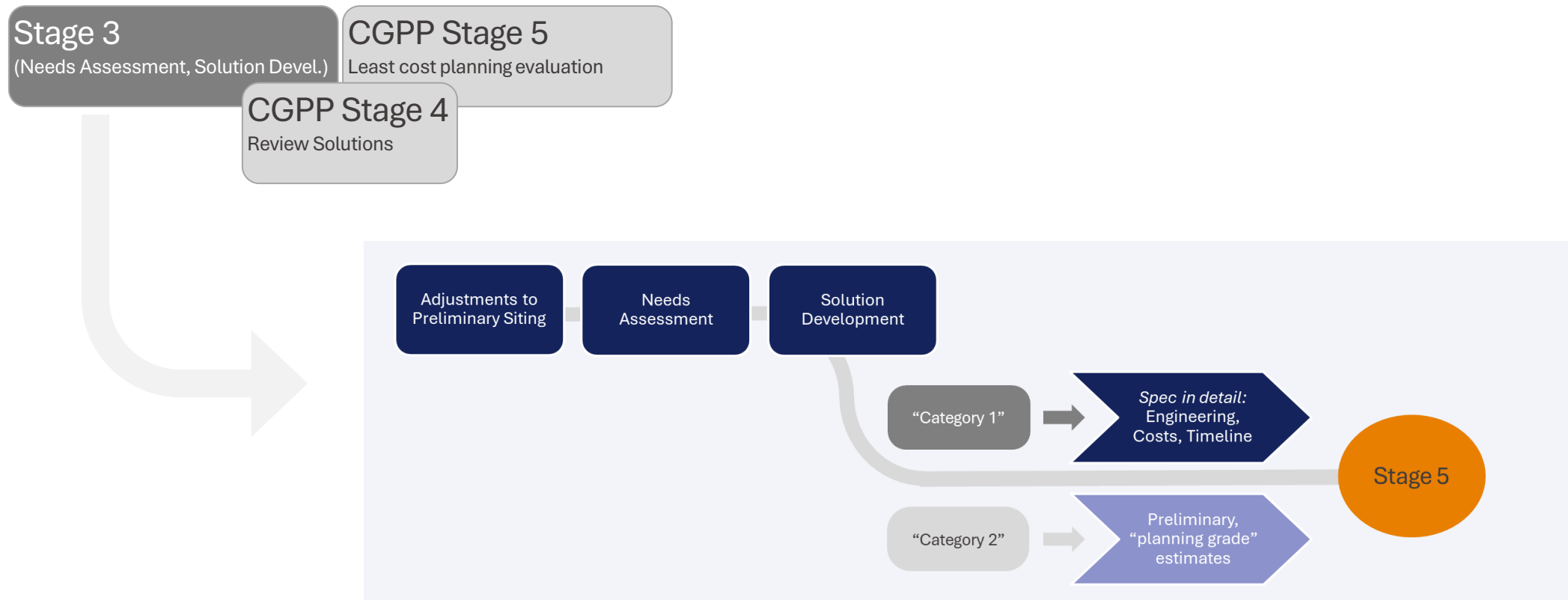
*The Joint Utilities have completed CGPP Stages 3 & 4 and have moved on to Stage 5 (capacity expansion analysis– with Stage 3 projects included).*

- Recap of the CGPP process, where we stand today
- **Review:** Stages 3 & 4
  - Stage 3 project development; Stage 4 (parallel collaboration)
  - JU LT&D project development, NYSERDA projects to address bulk needs
- Stage 5 developments:
  - The JU continue to work closely with DPS Staff, NYSERDA, and NYISO to keep Stage 5 analyses on track
  - Modeling updates
- Additional notable developments
  - Calendar update
  - Key elements of the November CGPP Modification Order



# QUICK RECAP OF CGPP PROGRESSION

*Recall: Stages 3 & 4 took place in parallel. Stage 4 coordination has overlapped with the beginning of Stage 5 as the companies reviewed project submissions (including timelines) and reviewed modeling assumptions— especially the limited set of items that have changed from CGPP Stage 1.*



# FOCUS OF ONGOING WORK: PRIORITIZING INVESTMENT

*Work in Stages 3-5– the entire CGPP for that matter– has been focused on prioritizing investment: identifying and developing projects that will enable clean energy resource delivery at least cost to customers*



- Needs assessment -> Solution identification
  - The needs assessment identified numerous constraints on local systems
  - In certain cases, multiple system constraints could be addressed by implementation of a single LT&D solution (which is more cost efficient than addressing each need independently)
  - The JU approached Stage 3 with this in mind and have engaged in active collaboration on solution development (i.e., with weekly meetings to discuss Stage 3 progress) throughout 2024 and 2025.
- Project development (including consideration of advanced technologies)
  - Efficiency: focus on developing a least cost portfolio
  - Focus on Category 1 projects (*see prior slide*)
  - Advanced technologies (*as discussed in prior EPPAC meetings*)
  - Consideration of impacts on DACs
- Combined portfolio of CGPP Projects (*see next page*)

## STAGE 3: **LOCAL T&D** PROJECTS FOR MODELING IN STAGE 5

Project Name/Identifier	Line Miles	New/ Rebuilt Substations	Substation Upgrades/ Expansions	Cat 1/ Cat 2	NYCA Zone	Incremental Headroom*	In-service Year
Central Hudson 2035 project	65	1	14	Cat 1	G	281	2035
Central Hudson 2042 project	37	0	3	Cat 2	G	185	2042
Con Edison Project #1	16	1	2	Cat 1	I-to-J	750	2033
Con Edison Project #2	0	1	0	Cat 1	J	1500	2033
NG Zone A 2040 Project	235	2	6	Cat 2	A	740	2040
NG Zone B 2035 Project	90	0	2	Cat 1	B	480	2035
NG Zone C 2035 Project	19	0	2	Cat 1	C	190	2035
NG Zone E 2035 Project	197	4	4	Cat 1	E	970	2035
NG Zone E 2035 Project	123	3	2	Cat 1	E	1440	2035
NG Zone F 2035 Project	109	2	10	Cat 1	F	900	2035
LIPA Project A	15	0	2	Cat 1	K	500	2035
LIPA Project B	9	1	1	Cat 2	K	885	2040
LIPA Project C	6	0	2	Cat 2	K	229	2040
O&R Project 1	39	5	0	Cat 1	G	298	2035
NYSEG Lancaster 2035	0	1	0	Cat 1	A	120	2031
RG&E Rochester 2035	8	0	4	Cat 1	B	130	2032
RG&E Rochester 2042	5	0	1	Cat 2	B	80	2035
NYSEG Geneva/Auburn 2035	5	0	3	Cat 1	C	50	2035
NYSEG Hornell/Elmira/Bath 2035	136	1	9	Cat 1	C	740	2035
NYSEG Binghampton 2035	85	0	2	Cat 1	C	920	2034
NYSEG Hornell/Elmira/Bath 2042	65	0	3	Cat 2	C	430	2035
RG&E Genesee Valley 2042	99	1	2	Cat 2	B	60	2042
NYSEG Ithaca 2035	27	0	0	Cat 1	C	70	2035
NYSEG Oneonta 2035	9	3	0	Cat 1	E	100	2035
NYSEG Oneonta 2042	10	0	1	Cat 2	E	170	2035

## STAGE 3: ***BULK*** PROJECTS FOR MODELING IN STAGE 5

Project Name/Identifier	Zonal Transfers	Increase in Zonal Transfer Limit (MW)	In-Service Year	Dependencies
West-to-East Concept	A-C	640	2035	All increases in zonal transfer limits come at the same single cost.
	C-E	1,890		
	E-G	850		
	E-H	1,240		
North-to-South Concept (Alternative B)	D-F	2,820	2035	N/A
Extension to Zone J	H-J	2,570	2035	Can only be selected if the West-to-East concept is also selected. Options should be: 1) West-to-East alone OR 2) West-to-East plus extension to J. *Note that the cost cited is for the extension alone (incremental to the cost of the West-to-East concept).

## STAGE 5 MODELING: UPDATES TO STAGE 1 ASSUMPTIONS

- CPNY has been removed from all three Scenarios
- Zone K existing headroom: higher values
- Zone J headroom:
  - In Stage 1 only OSW capacity was considered
  - For Stage 5, all resource types (4-, 8-hr ESR, OSW, H2 DEFR) will be considered in the Zone J headroom constraint
- Bulk-connected generators excluded from local headroom constraints
- Generic headroom cost applied in Stage 1 is replaced by zone-specific projects developed in Stage 3. (The cost of new LT&D headroom in Stage 5 is greater than what was available to the Stage 1 model.)

# ADDITIONAL NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

## Timeline update

- The JU team has been working closely with NYISO to make Stage 5 successful.
- CGPP Report will be filed on or before May 4, 2026.

## Headroom calculation petition

- Filed 1/14
- Purpose: make headroom more practicable for developers
- Commission action can be timed to inform the October 1, 2026 headroom update

## CGPP Modification Order

- Significant pre-work can and will take place in advance of a Commission Order on the Cycle 1 Report.
- Sub-zonal specification of headroom (condensed, “mini-Stage 3” before Cycle 2 begins)
- More clarity and communication re: CGPP calendar, timelines
- EPPAC administration
- Critical: alignment between CGPP and NYISO planning processes (i.e., FERC 1920)

# ***Q&A, discussion***