

CONNECTICUT DISTRIBUTED GENERATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY JOINT WORKING GROUP

JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

**Introduction**

* The meeting began with Zak asking for clarification of Eversource’s hosting capacity map (HCM) update frequency; Eversource replied it is updated on the 15th of every month

**Technical Updates to Guidelines**

* Zak asked whether there were any concerns with the inclusion of a UL 1741SB compliance requirement in the guidelines
  + Kyle Wallace stated that he doesn’t have a concern with the inclusion of the requirement generally, but does have a concern as to availability of certified meters
  + Blue Wave asked whether the UL 1741SB standard would go into effect immediately and whether it would apply to pending applications
* Brad M. asked whether CT is still planning to adopt the technical standards created by the Mass. TSRG
  + Joe Debs replied that Eversource has already incorporated the revisions for applications filed on January 1, 2023, or later
* Blue Wave requested a mechanism by which PURA or the solar industry can determine whether there are sufficient manufacturers available to provide UL 1741SB compliant inverters
  + Kyle Wallace stated that most manufacturers will likely be certified in the March-August 2023 timeframe
  + Eversource believed the current language was sufficient but was willing to include a caveat – Zak to draft caveat language

**UI Demonstration of Public Queue and Hosting Capacity Map Updates**

* Joe Marranca demoed UI’s webpage which includes the HCM, program guidelines, and DER project queue
* BlueWave asked whether there was way to see what is interconnected to a given circuit
  + Joe responded that users can’t see individual projects but are able to see the aggregate amount connected
* BlueWave asked if the queue was consistent with the HCMs and stated that Massachusetts has issues with the queue and HCM not matching
* David Ferrante explained that DOER has program queues, which are not based solely on interconnections, the CT HCMs are a reflection of interconnections only and don’t pose the same risks of data mismatch
  + Eversource’s queue and map are presently updated on the same frequency
  + UI’s queue is updated more frequently than its HCM

**Substation Upgrade Questions**

* Noel stated that he was hearing of situations in Massachusetts in which interconnections as small as 25kW were being put on hold due to planned substation upgrades and asked whether this could occur in Connecticut
* Raagan inquired as to whether the situation Noel referenced was happening across the board or just at substations associated with the new provisional plan