

Connecticut Distributed Generation Interconnection Working Group Governance Framework

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Goal / Mission Statement

To accelerate safe, reliable and economical interconnections of distributed energy resources in Connecticut, through a transparent and informal public forum where technical and policy stakeholders openly share their experience, knowledge and challenges, on common ground, where solutions and recommendations to policy makers strive for consensus, so that renewable energy in Connecticut can flourish, while leading the nation through an example of mutual respect and collaboration.

Voting Members

The Distributed Generation Interconnection Working Group (IXWG) will consist of representatives from, at a minimum, 1) state agencies, 2) electric distribution companies (EDCs), 3) DG industry / developers, and 4) groups representing customers. Additional parties are free to participate in the IXWG if interested. A member or members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's (Authority) staff assigned to the Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement (EOE) shall serve as the Facilitator, and may be assisted by a consultant selected by EOE through a competitive RFP process. EOE and the selected consultant, if any, are referred to herein as the Facilitator. EOE shall notify the IXWG members and post on a publicly accessible website and/or in Docket No. 17-12-03RE06, or in another docket of the Authority's choosing, the current staff member(s) and consultant, if any, assigned to serve as the Facilitator. The number of voting representatives from each of the stakeholder groups is as follows:

Voting Representative	Number of Votes
1. EDCs	2 (1 from each of Eversource and United Illuminating)
2. DER Developers	2 (1 representing solar developers and 1 representing storage developers; groups that represent both solar and storage developers are permitted to meet these requirements)
3. CIEC	1
4. OCC	1
5. Connecticut Green Bank	1

Additions and/or subtractions to the list of voting representatives shall be discussed at an IXWG meeting, although final decisions regarding changes to the list of voting representatives is left up to the Facilitator.

Each primary member can designate an alternate (secondary) to represent itself or its organization, but only the primary or selected secondary representative shall be eligible to vote. All attendees can participate in the group discussion; however, only the primary or secondary representative can participate in the final decision-making process.

The IXWG may also engage one or more third-party technical consultants/experts¹ to assist it with various matters. The technical expert will not be a voting member of the IXWG and shall report directly to the Facilitator(s). Any member may suggest a specific technical expert. However, any disagreements as to which expert(s) to engage shall be resolved by the Facilitator(s) in the Facilitator's sole discretion.

Any fees incurred by the IXWG for engagement with third-party technical consultants/experts must be deemed necessary and reasonable by both the Facilitator(s) and the Authority. Any budget for third-party technical consultants/experts must follow Section 16-18a of the General Statutes of Connecticut and be approved by the Facilitator(s) and the Authority.

Meeting Schedule and Process

The IXWG shall generally meet on a monthly basis. In no case shall the IXWG meet less often than once per quarter.

Notice of a regularly scheduled meeting shall be distributed to the IXWG members at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting. The agenda for the meeting shall be distributed to the IXWG members at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Meeting notes shall be taken by the Facilitator at each IXWG meeting and shall include the date, meeting location, topics discussed and a descriptive account of all differences in opinion offered or positions taken regarding the topic at issue.

Meeting notes shall be made available on a publicly accessible website. Reports, documentation, presentations and other information referenced in the relevant notes shall also be made available to IXWG members.

Any proposals and the results of any votes on those proposals during an IXWG meeting shall be clearly identified in the meeting summaries. This includes identification of which voting representatives supported or opposed a proposal subject to vote, whether a voting representative abstained from voting, and whether voting representatives did or did not achieve consensus on the proposal.

At the request of the Authority, the Facilitator(s) or his/her designee from the IXWG will report annually to the Authority Chairperson and his/her designees on topics undertaken in the prior twelve months. Annual meeting reports, if requested, shall include summaries of all completed consensus and non-consensus items, outstanding topics, planned topics, and any other matters deemed relevant by the Facilitator(s). If directed by the Authority, annual meetings will be publicly noticed and shall take place prior to December 1 each year, unless otherwise directed by the Authority.

Roles and Responsibilities

IXWG representatives and alternates will make every attempt to attend all Working Group meetings, to be on-time, and to review all documents disseminated prior to the meeting. If a

¹ E.g. EPRI, RAP, etc.

representative or their alternate cannot attend a meeting, the representative should let the Facilitator(s) know prior to the meeting (by telephone or e-mail).

All representatives and alternates agree to act in good faith in the discussions. “Good faith” means that they will be forthright and communicative about the interests and preferences of their organization (and where appropriate, their stakeholders) and will actively seek agreement wherever possible.

It is the responsibility of the IXWG voting representatives and alternates to keep their organizations and stakeholders informed of developments in the Working Group process.

The IXWG may designate subcommittees on specific topics. These subcommittees may be charged with bringing suggestions, ideas, and draft products back to the IXWG for discussion. Such subcommittees will work under the direction of the IXWG, and will not act or make decisions on its behalf.

Choosing Topics

In line with the IXWG mission statement, the IXWG shall prioritize topics where there is a possibility to reach consensus among the members, as well as topics associated with the Authority’s Orders to the IXWG. IXWG members are free to inform the Facilitator of additional topics of interest they would like to discuss with the IXWG, so long as those topics are relevant to the group’s interconnection focus. Absent direction from the Authority, decisions regarding which topics will be addressed by the IXWG will be determined by the Facilitator.

Decision-making

The goals of the IXWG voting process will be to

1. Achieve consensus on interconnection-related issues where possible;
2. Make substantive decisions by consensus of the IXWG members, when consensus is possible; and
3. Document non-consensus determinations, including which parties did and did not support certain items.

“Consensus” shall mean that all the representatives (or their alternates in the representative’s absence) are at least willing to live with a decision and choose not to dissent. If unable to consent, a representative will be expected to explain the reason for dissenting and to try and offer a positive alternative. Representatives are responsible for voicing their objections and concerns, and silence (or absence) will be considered consent.

EOE may file a quarterly letter to the Authority to document the proposals the IXWG voted on during meetings in that quarter, and the results of those votes (consensus or non-consensus, including documentation of support from each voting representative). In this filing, EOE may include the topics the IXWG discussed as well as a list of topics—if any—on which the Facilitators believe further discussion will not be productive. For all issues and proposals, the Authority will make the final determinations and decisions.