



North Carolina Transmission Planning Collaborative

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Transmission Advisory Group

Scope

Purpose

The Transmission Advisory Group (TAG) is formed from the North Carolina Load Serving Entities' Transmission Planning Participation Agreement (“Agreement”) among the following Participants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and Electricities of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of the TAG is to provide a structure whereby interested parties can participate in the NCTPC Process.

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Responsibilities

In general, the TAG is responsible for working with the NCTPC Participants to develop a transmission planning process that results in a single coordinated transmission plan which reliably and efficiently meets the needs of the electric consumers in North Carolina. The specific responsibilities of the TAG participants include:

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1. Adherence to the intent of the FERC Standards of Conduct requirements in all discussions.
2. Participation in the TAG meetings in a constructive and professional manner.
3. Assisting in the development of the TAG annual work plan and activity schedule.
4. Providing timely input on the annual study scope elements of both the Reliability Planning as well as the Enhanced Transmission Access Planning Process which includes the following:
 - a. Study Assumptions, Criteria and Methodology
 - b. Case Development and Technical Analysis
 - c. Problem Identification, Assessment and Development of Solutions (including proposing alternative solutions for evaluation)

- d. Comparison and Selection of the Preferred Transmission Plan
- e. Transmission Plan Study Results Report.

- 5. Proposing the enhanced transmission access projects for evaluation.
- 6. Providing advice and recommendations to the Oversight Steering Committee of the NCTPC Participants on the NCTPC Process.

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In addition, TAG Voting Members will select enhanced transmission access projects for evaluation.

Membership and Participation

The TAG is open to the public and any individual may be a TAG participant. In addition, any valid stakeholder in the NCTPC process may become a TAG Voting Member. For purposes of the NCTPC Process, a valid stakeholder is defined as any Eligible Customer, state or federal agency, and any organization capable of providing Ancillary Services under the Duke Energy Carolinas or Progress Energy Carolinas OATTs. In addition, any Transmission Owner, Transmission Operator, or Transmission Planner as those terms or their successors are used under the NERC Functional Model, as may be amended from time to time, are valid stakeholders under this NCTPC Process. Authorized agents of any valid stakeholder organizations will also be permitted to represent a TAG Voting Member in the NCTPC Process.

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Any TAG participant can register on the NCTPC website to receive email notifications directed at the TAG (www.nctpc.org/nctpc). Any organization seeking to become a TAG Voting Member must submit an application for membership to the NCTPC's Independent Third-Party through the application process on the NCTPC website (www.nctpc.org/nctpc). On the application for TAG Voting Membership, the applicant should provide the name of the TAG Voting Member, the primary contact individual, and an explanation of how it meets at least one of the categories listed in the above valid stakeholder definition.

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Meeting Procedures

Meeting Chair

The independent third-party consultant will chair the TAG meetings and serve as a facilitator for the group by working to bring consensus within the group. In addition, the duties of the independent third-party consultant include:

1. Developing mechanisms to solicit and obtain the input of all interested parties related to transmission planning options.
2. Taking all reasonable action to ensure that no marketing / brokering organizations receive preferential treatment or achieve competitive advantage through the distribution of any transmission-related information in the TAG.
3. Ensuring that confidentiality of information and Standards of Conduct requirements are being adhered to within the TAG process.
4. Ensuring that TAG meeting notes are taken and meeting highlights are posted for the information of the participants after all TAG meetings.

Meetings

Meetings of the TAG shall be open to anyone interested in the development of a coordinated transmission plan across the respective service territories of the Participants in North Carolina. There are no restrictions on the number of people attending TAG meetings from any organization. The ITP may close a TAG meeting to TAG Voting Member representatives that are permitted to access confidential and CEII information, if necessary.

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Quorum

There are no quorum requirements for TAG meetings.

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Voting

In attempting to resolve issues, the goal is for the TAG to develop consensus solutions. However, in the event consensus cannot be reached, voting will be conducted with each TAG Voting Member represented at the meeting (either physically present or

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participating via phone) receiving one vote. The independent third-party will provide notices to the TAG participants in advance of the TAG meeting that specific votes will be taken during the TAG meeting. Only TAG Voting Members participating in the meeting will be allowed to participate in the voting. A single person may represent more than one TAG Voting Member. The selection of the enhanced transmission access studies will always be conducted by a vote.

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During each transmission planning cycle, the TAG participants will propose the enhanced transmission access studies that will be performed during that particular planning cycle. Study scenarios that are of an inter-regional nature will be identified during this process and the organization that is responsible for requesting such studies will be directed to forward their study request to the Southeast Inter-Regional Participation Process, since the study would have to be evaluated within that forum.

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For the remaining study scenarios that impact the NCTPC region, the TAG Voting Members will select a maximum of five scenarios that will be studied within the current NCTPC planning cycle. Each TAG Voting Member will be able to cast a single vote for up to five scenarios that their organization would like to be studied within the NCTPC planning cycle. If needed, repeat voting will be conducted until there are clear winners for the top five study scenarios.

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Meeting Protocol

In the absence of specific provisions in this document, the TAG shall conduct its meetings guided by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

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Data and Information Release Protocol

TAG Voting Members can request data and information that would allow them to replicate the NCTPC planning studies while ensuring that CEII and other confidential data is protected. The below steps outline the process that representatives of TAG Voting Members would use to obtain the data and information.

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1. Request and obtain from FERC the [Form 715](#) data (that includes CEII data) for both ~~Duke Energy Carolinas and Progress Energy Carolinas.~~
2. Have a current SERC Confidentiality Agreement in place.
3. Have a current NCTPC Confidentiality Agreement in place.
4. Formally request the data from the NCTPC Independent Third Party (ITP) with attestations that they have fulfilled the above 3 steps.

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The NCTPC ITP will process the above requests, approve/deny the request, and if approved, provide the data to the TAG member.