

Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission Summary of May 6, 2022 Meeting

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- Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission established by FERC on June 17, 2021 (Docket No. AD21-15).
- Goal is to facilitate dialogue between federal and state regulators on electric-transmission related issues.
- The Task Force is comprised of all FERC Commissioners and 10 state commission representatives.
 - PJM states represented: Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania
- Three meetings to date Nov. 10, 2021, Feb. 16, 2022 and May 6, 2022.



Topic 1 – Gen. Interconnection Process and Current Backlog

- States messaged that RTOs are best positioned to design their queue reform efforts.
 - FERC should allow current queue reforms to go forward without interference; enable flexibility across regions.
 - FERC should provide general guidance on best practices.
 - Interregional, cross-RTO affected system studies is where FERC can be most helpful.
- Mention of aligning state solicitations with queue windows and getting known projects in-service on time.
- Several views that anticipatory, long-term regional planning can bolster queue process.

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Topic #2 – Cost Allocation for Generator Interconnection-Related Network Upgrades

 Goal of topic to explore whether "changes are needed to allocate costs of network upgrades in a manner that is cost effective and aligned with the benefits to interconnection generators and load/the transmission system."

- Discussion revolved around four approaches:
 - 1. Participants responsible for 100% in RTO/ISOs
 - 2. Participant/load cost sharing
 - 3. Load responsible for 100% of costs for certain types of upgrades
 - 4. Generator subscription approach

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