

Climate Vulnerability and Resilience Plan Working Group

Background

National Grid, together with the other electric utilities in New York and in consultation with NYSERDA and the New York State Department of Public Service Staff, has launched a climate vulnerability study to help prepare for the increase in severe weather expected from climate change. The study will provide a new way for us to evaluate the Company's electric infrastructure, design specifications, and procedures to better understand our electric system's vulnerability to climate-driven risks. Based on the study results, we will be creating a "Resilience Plan" detailing how climate change will be reflected in the Company's electric planning process and propose storm hardening measures for the next 10 and 20 years. The Company's Plan will also include signposts for re-evaluation. The initial Resilience Plan will be filed with the New York Public Service Commission in November 2023.

An important part of our planning is to collaborate with stakeholders including state, regional and local planning and emergency response officials, customer and environmental advocates and other interested parties to understand and incorporate their concerns and priorities, ultimately informing our investment decisions. With that in mind, National Grid is standing up a working group to review our work and provide input into the creation of our resilience plans.

The Working Group will be part of an on-going process designed to continually evaluate and adjust our resilience investment planning into the future.

Membership

Membership on the National Grid Climate Study and Resilience Plan Working Group is open to any stakeholder who would like to participate. National Grid has reached out to local, regional, and state officials as well as interested parties who participated in the Company's most recent Niagara Mohawk Rate Case before the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Meeting Frequency

Working Group meetings will be held at least twice annually. In addition, the Company will use other channels, including a dedicated page on our website, and provide updates to emergency response officials during our regularly scheduled emergency planning and coordination meetings which are conducted in June and December of each year, to engage stakeholders.

In 2023, National Grid plans to conduct at least three Working Group meetings. Following a kick-off in February, the Company will conduct a second meeting in early summer to share the results of our Climate Study and then hold a third meeting in the fall to share our draft Resilience Plan for comment prior to filing with the Public Service Commission. Working Group participants will receive a copy of our final Plan prior to filing and a fourth meeting may be scheduled at that time.



Other Ways to Participate

Stakeholders can also file comments in the PSC's statewide proceeding by going to Case number 22-E-0222:

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-e-0222&CaseSearch=Search>

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