

Engineering and Operations Committee

Teams Meeting Agenda

Friday, September 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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I. 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. – Agenda Review & April Meeting Recap (Presenter: Chair Mongeon, Duration: 5 min.)

II. 9:05 – 9:45 a.m. – Herbicide (Presenter: John Geronaitis, Josh Mazzei Duration: 40 min.)

Objective: Review herbicide use, cost, and complaint history; evaluate a five-year opt-out resolution and increasing water setbacks.

Discussion Points:

- Staff presents resolution on 5-year opt out
- Staff presents 10-year historical data where available: (opt-out numbers, cost, acreage, volume where available, and complaints)
- Staff presents cost/methodology findings for increasing water setbacks (scoping only, not final answer)
- Staff and Board discussion on a modified water setback resolution
- Communication plan review
- Committee to set scope for a potential future IVM study
- Committee votes to direct staff to finalize resolution language for BoD approval at next meeting rather than approving the recommendations today

III. 9:45 – 10:05 a.m. – Transformer Replacement Program (Presenter: Luke Croteau, Duration: 20 min.)

Objective: Review the risk of delaying the TRP rollout and confirm the CCB process.

Discussion Points:

- Staff presents risk review of delaying rollout
- TRP counts advance year by year through the annual CCB process - no standalone resolution required; strategic plan removed the two- TRP per-year requirement for flexibility

IV. 10:05 – 10:25 a.m. – Transmission Outage Frequency (Presenter: Josh Mazzei, Duration: 20 min.)

Objective: Review outage history and response times, sources, trends, and the Transmission Provider contract terms.

Discussion Points:

- Outage history, trends, and risk profile
- Outage source breakdown (Eversource, Liberty, National Grid, GMP); none originate from NHEC facilities

- Confirmation: no Eversource contract penalty provisions exist for outages they cause
- Proposed action steps

V. 10:25 – 10:30 a.m. - Small Contracts (Presenter: Josh Mazzei, Duration: 5 min.) *Objective:* Give a brief status update on the small-contracts issue raised at the annual meeting and clarify what the committee wants from staff.

Discussion Points:

- Status note; committee to agree on referral to BFR (after budget discussion), with legal counsel involved
- Committee to specify its ask for staff: quantitative data (e.g., small-contractor counts/dollar volumes) vs. procedural review (e.g., current contracting policy, insurance requirements)

VI. 10:30 a.m. - Adjournment (Presenter: Chair Mongeon)