

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 – 9:10 a.m. – Governance Reminder (Presenter: Todd Fahey, Duration: 5 min.)

III. 9:10 – 9:50 a.m. – Herbicide (Presenter: John Geronaitis, Josh Mazzei Duration: 40 min.)

Objective: Review the background of IVM, discuss a proposed five-year opt-out and enhanced communication plan. Introduce the broader IVM and shoreline setback issues as discussion items only, with the goal of identifying questions and information needed before a late-October committee decision on Resolution 2.

Discussion Points:

- Staff presents IVM program overview.
- Staff gives background supporting a resolution, including the five-year opt-out effective immediately.
- Staff reviews the current opt-out process, historical opt-out data, complaint information, communication practices, and administrative challenges.
- Committee discusses and votes on resolution, including direction for staff to review alternatives for a longer-term or permanent property-based opt-out process.
- Staff provides IVM background for education.
- Staff introduces shoreline setback alternatives as discussion items only, not for final action at this meeting.
- Committee identifies the legal, environmental, operational, financial, and member-impact questions it wants staff to answer before a late-October E&O meeting.
- Chair summarizes the questions, setback alternatives to be evaluated, any requested legal review, and whether the committee wants a formal staff recommendation for the late-October meeting.

IV. 9:50 – 10:10 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

V. 10:10 – 10:30 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

VI. 10:30 – 10:35 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)

VII. 10:35 a.m. - Adjournment (Presenter: Chair Mongeon)