

For June 12th MPC discussion:

Below is a portion of the rough draft of the MPC report that we will be reviewing. We're interested in hearing from MPC participants whether or not this "ad hoc hot topic" future needs any further structure.

Do the MPC participants want to have MPSC staff schedule an Ad Hoc meeting if only one participant makes the request? (This is how the draft write-up is currently written and we'd like to clarify that this is the intent of the group.)

Do the MPC participants want to have more than one MPC participant concur that the proposed hot topic would be suitable for group discussion prior to scheduling a meeting?

Do the MPC participants want to have MPC participants from at least two of the different MISO sectors concur that the proposed hot topic would be suitable for group discussion prior to scheduling a meeting?

Recommended Future of the MPC

Although the MPC made great strides toward educating and bringing planning participants together to discuss transmission planning from a Michigan stakeholder perspective, there were many participants who felt that several areas of the MPC had significant overlaps with existing regional transmission planning processes. There are, however, several items brought up by participants throughout the MPC process that may prove to be beneficial agenda items for the MPC participants to discuss at some point in the future. They include the following:

- Cost allocation for EHV transmission projects
- Definitions for the benefits of transmission including how to include qualitative benefits in a cost / benefit analysis
- The role of the distribution system in accommodating RPS mandates
- The development of distribution feeder systems for renewables to support the transmission plans for renewables
- Future planning assumptions as experience is gained with intermittent generation
- Review of planning assumptions prior to the start of annual MTEP studies

Although the MPC participants felt that overlap existed between the MPC and regional planning processes the list above shows that there is some desire to continue the Consortium on a limited basis in order to have dialogue between interested parties. The MPC participants recommend that the MPC in its current format should be concluded. Going forward the MPC participants would like to continue the discussions of "hot topics" proposed by MPC participants on an ad

hoc basis. Given this recommendation, it would not be necessary to continue the three separate simultaneous workgroups. Instead, those participants that had taken part in the MPC would propose hot topics to the MPSC Staff. MPSC Staff would then poll the rest of the interested parties for concurrence and for agenda items and presentations for the proposed hot topic. MPSC Staff will continue to facilitate the ad-hoc meetings, and provide support as long as the participants have the will to continue.