

Connecticut Distributed Generated Interconnection Working Group Meeting Summary

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Introduction

The June 24, 2025 IX WG meeting focused on addressing Proposals 14 and 25 from the [100-Day Sprint Working Group Report](#), which were approved in PURA's March 2025 [Interim Decision](#). PURA directed the EDCs to coordinate implementation of both proposals due to their significant overlap. Both proposals must be implemented by October 1, 2025. GPI provided an overview of both proposals; proposal language is provided below for reference.

- **Proposal 14:** Establish an initial full review and approval process for a subset of projects over 25KW and make any necessary changes to timelines for projects that opt to participate in this initial full review and approval process.
- **Proposal 25:** Allow for an interconnection applicant to opt in (i.e. by including a checkbox in the application) to a comprehensive review by the metering department, new service department, field engineering department, and any other departments that will be involved in the construction, inspection, and approval of a project; and the resulting Contingent Approval document to be issued after such a comprehensive review will be a ready-for-construction approval with documented approvals from all relevant EDC departments. If the opt in box is not checked, the default IX process is a review and approval of the transformer and grid capacity only, not the comprehensive review process as previously described. Additionally, if a developer opts out of this comprehensive review as part of the IX process workflow, it is still ultimately required as part of the service process workflow and is the developer's responsibility to ensure their designs meet all applicable standards and requirements.

Straw Proposal Discussion

The EDCs presented a straw proposal they developed after meeting with developers. The straw proposal intended to address problems arising from contingent project approvals and to provide a pathway where projects that met certain criteria could opt-in or opt-out of a full review (note that the proposal language suggested an "opt-in" option whereas the straw proposal suggested an "opt out" option). The EDCs identified that some projects were fast-tracked through the existing contingent approval process for Level 2 projects. These projects passed all screens "on paper" but different conditions or challenges were found in the field. The EDCs stressed that there is no substitute for going out to the field with engineers to be able to get a full picture of needed upgrades and costs. In addition, the EDCs clarified that the allowance of side-line taps is a "may be allowed," but not a guarantee.

At a high level, the EDCs' straw proposal involved the following procedures. **The bullet points below aim to describe the straw proposal, not a final agreed-upon proposal.**

- Using existing guidelines and procedures for most projects to the extent feasible
- Apply new process to the following types of Level 2 projects:
 - Buy-All projects located with load (does not apply to large stand-alone projects with no existing electrical service)
 - Netting projects above 100 kW located with load
- Additional \$500 fee for projects undergoing new automatic supplemental review outlined in the straw proposal
- Level 2 Netting projects <100 kW to have opportunity to opt into more comprehensive review
- EDCs to conduct multi-department desktop review within one week of submittal of complete application
- Field visit with developer's electrician within two weeks of desktop review (or after resubmittal of developer documents if need is identified)
- Next step: EDC engineers to develop detailed proposal to provide better clarity of when exceptions would be allowed for existing meter relocation and connection at the transformer for buy-all projects
- The EDCs sought IX WG feedback on the straw proposal.

A main point of discussion was the question of whether developers should be able to opt-out of comprehensive review at their own risk. EDCs indicated that they would provide clarity to developers to require them to opt-out at their own risk instead of opt-in.

Joe Marranca (UI) commented that mandatory full review is a good idea for some project types. Others may need to have an "opt-in" provision.

Carl Nowiszewski (Eversource) clarified that if the proposed project has any kind of existing electrical service, the full proposed review process would be automatic, but that the developer could opt out under certain conditions. Large stand-alone projects without existing electrical service would not have to go through the proposed mandatory full review process.

The group also discussed how multi-family projects would fit into the straw proposal. EDCs indicated that Level 2 projects would be subject to the process, and that RRES procedures would still be involved. Carl clarified that once a project is Level 2, there would be an opt-in for projects <100 kW.

Overall, IX WG participants expressed general support for and interest in following through on this straw proposal, with the need for some additional further refinement. The EDCs and select IX WG members agreed to work together to further develop and refine the proposal and agreed to present that refined proposal to the IX WG at a later date.

Next Steps

- EDC engineers to further develop straw proposal to provide clarity on when exceptions would be allowed.
- CONNSSA members to review straw proposal.

- Proposals 14 & 25 to be discussed next on July 8 (postponed to 7/29) ¹
- Proposals 2 & 3 Subgroup first meeting to be held June 26.
- EDC-run flexible IX Subgroup to continue meeting bi-weekly.

¹ Note: At the time of this meeting, the EDCs intended to present the revised straw proposal on July 22nd. However, that date was subsequently adjusted to ensure that groups had sufficient time to discuss and refine the proposal.