

## SESSION 9C

### E PLURIBUS ALMOST UNUM – DEVELOPING COMMON EVALUATION POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS ACROSS SIX STATES

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#### SESSION SUMMARY:

The Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE) has developed market rules and defined monitoring and verification procedures that are designed to foster the development of a forward capacity market that recognizes and values traditional supply, energy efficiency, load management, distributed resources, and demand response as legitimate resources that can be used to ensure a reliable integrated electric system in New England. In response to those developments, the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners committed “to the development of common protocols to measure, verify, and report energy efficiency savings derived from the publicly-funded energy efficiency programs operated (administered) by the various implementation organizations operating within New England whose expenditures and accomplishments are subject to state utility commission (regulatory agency) review.” That resolution led to the creation of the “State Programs Working Group,” SPWG. The SPWG includes representatives from each of the state regulatory agencies in New England and program administrators with efforts facilitated by the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP).

A Steering Committee that includes Julie Michals and Elizabeth Titus from NEEP, Jeff Schlegel representing the states of CT and MA, Chris Neme from the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (which runs Efficiency Vermont), Carol White from National Grid, and Tom Belair from Public Service Company of New Hampshire has been charged with advising and supporting SPWG efforts.

This New England effort to develop consistent policies and common evaluation/M&V protocols is also important in the context of the reductions in carbon emissions in the region due to energy efficiency activities, particularly as part of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

This panel will address the challenges involved in developing consistent evaluation policies and defining common evaluation protocols in a region where unique requirements have historically been defined by each state. The panel will also address how these state efforts have been integrated with developments at ISO-NE, including the M&V rules for the forward capacity market. Panelists will be able to discuss the process and outcomes of the SPWG’s efforts as well as developments at ISO-NE while specifically addressing:

- The unique challenges involved when participating on a regional effort as a regulator.
- How the states work together and how the process might be improved.
- Protocols expected to be addressed with a focus on both short-term and long-term issues.
- What the process has been like for a resource provider.
- Costs, implications for evaluation planning, and state issues.

- Issues unique to northern versus southern New England state.
- Issues faced by small versus large program administrators.
- Issues faced by different types of program administrators (e.g. utility and non-utility administrators)