

**Carolinas Transmission Planning Collaborative
Oversight / Steering Committee (OSC)
Meeting Highlights
January 30, 2026
(Virtual) / Teleconference Meeting
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET**

Joe Mason, Chair	NCEC
John Lemire	NCEC
Trenton Ricklefs	NCEC
Avni Patel	Duke Energy Carolinas
Bob Pierce	Duke Energy Carolinas
Matt Knudson	Duke Energy Carolinas
Sammy Roberts	Duke Energy Progress
Bill Quaintance	Duke Energy Progress
Brant Werts	Duke Energy Progress
Marty Berland	ElectriCities
Mark Oliver	ElectriCities
Chris Ware	CEPCI
Connor Hudson	CEPCI
Thomas Golden	EnergyUnited
Brett Alkins	EnergyUnited
Rich Wodyka	Consultant Administrator

EnergyUnited

- Joe Mason opened the OSC Meeting welcoming EnergyUnited to the CTPC with the execution of the Ninth Participation Agreement effective on January 1st. Thomas Golden and Brett Alkins are now the official OSC members representing EnergyUnited.

OSC Agenda

- Joe Mason proceeded to review the meeting agenda.

OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights

- The December 16, 2025 OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights were reviewed and approved.

2025 Transmission Plan Study Report

- Rich Wodyka led the OSC discussion on the status of the development of the 2025 Transmission Plan Study Report. He reported that Duke has provided the reliability, local economic and public policy study results sections and the associated appendices with the details of the study results. He noted that the sections and appendices associated with the MVST study activities and results still need to be included. Also the sections associated with the study scope and methodology along with the Appendix on Acronyms needs to be reviewed and updated.
- The OSC discussed the best way to continue reviewing and updating the 2025 Transmission Plan Study Report. After discussion, the OSC agreed that the latest version of the Study Report would be posted on the NCEC Sharepoint site and all members of the OSC and PWG would be permitted access to review and provide proposed changes and updates to the report for all members to view.
- Orvane Piper proposed that the PWG would plan to have a detailed review of the 2025 Study Report at the upcoming PWG meeting February 5th. Based on that review then Rich Wodyka would provide the OSC with an update on the status of the report and the timing of when the 2025 would be available for the OSC final review and approval.

Multi Value Strategic Transmission (MVST) Report

- Brant Werts led the OSC review and discussion on the status and activities of the MVST study. Brant reviewed the MVST Cost-Benefits Analysis Whitepaper and he addressed the comments and questions that were submitted by John Lemire on the Whitepaper prior to the meeting. He reviewed all the changes he has proposed to address these comments and questions along with other changes he has made to address comments and questions from TAG members. Based on the OSC review and discussion, Brant will update the MVST Cost-Benefits Analysis Whitepaper and send out for a final OSC review and approval.
- Brant led the OSC review and discussion on the updated MVST Benefits Summary spreadsheet. He addressed a number of comments and questions regarding the assumptions associated with the MVST Benefit analysis and the changes he has made to the spreadsheet. . He will continue to incorporate additional information based on the OSC comments and send out the updated spreadsheet version of the MVST Benefit Summary analysis for review. Once the PWG completes their review he will then update, if necessary, send back to the OSC for a final review and approval.
- Brant led the OSC review and discussion on the TAG feedback that was received on the MVST Cost-Benefit Whitepaper and the Benefits Summary spreadsheet.

He reviewed the comments and questions that were submitted from the group consisting of SELC, SACE, NCSEA, and the Sierra Club. He then previewed his proposed responses to their comments and questions. He then reviewed the second set of comments and questions that were submitted by CCEBA. He then previewed his proposed responses to their comments and questions. After the OSC review and discussion, it was agreed that Brant will update and send to the PWG for their final review. Once the PWG completes their review, he will then update and send back to the OSC for a final review and approval before the responses to the TAG comments and questions are sent back to the TAG members and posted on the CTPC website.

2026 Study Scope and Schedule

- Rich Wodyka led the OSC discussion on the 2026 Reliability Study Scope and the proposed Local Economic and Public Policy Study requests that were submitted by Participants and TAG members by the January 29th deadline. He reviewed the summary of the eight study requests that include the following:
 - One Economic Study Request from Electricities.
 - Identify transmission constraints to serve six new industrial and manufacturing loads.
 - Three study requests (one Public Policy and two Economic studies) submitted on behalf of SELC, SACE, Sierra Club, and NCSEA.
 - Public Policy study of merger effects.
 - Economic study of 500 kV Cliffside-Newport line.
 - Economic study of 500 kV Parkwood-Wake line.
 - Two Public Policy Study requests submitted by SACE.
 - Study nuclear coming online earlier or above the capacity volumes already approved in the CPIRP.
 - Study the build out of battery storage across the DEC/DEP system that fully leverages the continued availability of the 48E tax credit for energy storage.
 - One Economic Study Request from the Public Staff.
 - Understand the transmission inter-tie needs to accommodate a merged utility
 - One Economic Study request from NCEMC.
 - Evaluate 3 scenarios to understand the limiting elements in the respective Duke BAA for large power imports.
- Rich Wodyka noted that the Local Economic study scope of work in 2026 would normally include the analysis of hypothetical transfers into, out and across the DEC and DEP systems. After discussion, the OSC agreed to have the PWG review the analysis of the hypothetical transfers along with the proposed Local Economic and Public Policy Study requests. The PWG should determine if some of these requests can be combined, other requests don't qualify, and other requests

might better be included in the upcoming 2026 MVST study analysis. After their review, the PWG will provide a recommendation to the OSC for their review and approval on the scope of work for the 2026 Local Economic and Public Policy studies.

- Rich Wodyka led the OSC discussion on the last 2026 MVST Study Scope item. The discussion was when to solicit input from Participants and TAG members on the scope of work for the 2026 MVST Study. After discussion, the OSC agreed that the request for input on the 2026 MVST Study Scope would be made after the final 2024 MVST Study results were approved and published likely at the end of February or early in March.

RZEP Project Status Report

- Sammy Roberts reported that there was no new information on the status of the RZEP projects.
- Sammy reported on the DOE payment schedule decision for DOE GRIP IIJA grants. He noted that have not received any information yet from DOE and are still waiting on the resolution of this payment grant.

CTPC Website Report

- Rich Wodyka led the OSC review and discussion on the various CTPC website items and Sammy Roberts reviewed his response to the items that was distributed to the OSC just before today's meeting. Sammy reported that Rich's items were integrated into the offline CTPC website but there has been problem migrating the changes to the online CTPC website. Duke IT is working to resolve this issue and Sammy expects that the online CTPC website to be fixed soon.
- Rich Wodyka also reported on the OSC Meeting Highlights gap from 2024 to 2019 that are missing. Another item noted is how model and data requests are handled on the CTPC website. Sammy Roberts reported that Duke IT is woking on all these items.
- Brant Werts reported on the NCTPC files that have been moved on to the new CTPC website under the Reference Documents section. These files need to be reviewed to determine what documents should remain in the CTPC public domain, what documents should be moved into a CTPC private section, and what documents should be deleted. The OSC was encouraged to review this information and provide Brant feedback on these Reference Documents.

Industry Issues Update

- No update.

Project Updates

- No update.

Open Discussion

- No open discussion.

Upcoming CTPC OSC and TAG Activities

- Joe Mason led the OSC review and discussion on the list of upcoming OSC and TAG activities and dates. The proposed activities discussed were:
 - XX/XX/26 – 2024 MVST Benefits Approval
 - XX/XX/26 – 2025 Transmission Plan Report Approval
- These activities and dates will be updated as the various Study Activities and the related 2024 MVST Activities proceed over the next several weeks.

2026 OSC and TAG Meeting Schedule

- The OSC reviewed the upcoming 2026 meeting dates and times. The OSC discussed scheduling the January TAG Benefits Meeting and will make a determination on the date and time for this meeting once the final benefits are available for OSC review and approval.

February 2026	TAG Benefits Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting
February 19, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
March 19, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting

March 2026	TAG 1st Quarter Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting
April 16, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
May 21, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
June 18, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
June 2026	TAG 2nd Quarter Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting
July 16, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
August 20, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
September 17, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
September 2026	TAG 3rd Quarter Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting
October 15, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
November 19, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
December 17, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
December 2026	TAG 4th Quarter Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting