

**Carolinas Transmission Planning Collaborative
Oversight / Steering Committee (OSC)
Meeting Highlights
February 19, 2026
(Virtual) / Teleconference Meeting
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET**

Bill Quaintance, Vice Chair	Duke Energy Progress
Brant Werts	Duke Energy Progress
John Lemire	NCEMC
Avni Patel	Duke Energy Carolinas
Bob Pierce	Duke Energy Carolinas
Orvane Piper	Duke Energy Carolinas
Matt Knudson	Duke Energy Carolinas
Marty Berland	ElectriCities
Connor Hudson	CEPCI
Brett Alkins	EnergyUnited
Steve McCachern	EnergyUnited
Steve Estes	EnergyUnited
Rich Wodyka	Consultant Administrator

Bill Quaintance chaired the OSC Meeting in Joe Mason's absence.

OSC Agenda

- Bill Quaintance reviewed the OSC meeting agenda.

OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights

- The January 30, 2026 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 on how the process has been working with the utilization of the Sharepoint site. He noted that the report has reached the point where he suggests that all comments, questions and edits now be made to the version that he is currently maintaining.

- The OSC proceeded to review the recent version of the report that Rich had sent out and discussed the comments and question that were identified in this version. The OSC discussion resolved a number of the comments and questions and identified the other comments and questions that still needed to be resolved.
- After the OSC review of the report, it was agreed that Rich would send out an updated version of the report after the meeting that reflected the OSC review. He agreed to send out a redlined version that reflects all the changes that have been made so far then produce a another version that accepts the agreed upon changes but leaves the comments and questions that still need to be resolved. Rich proposed and the OSC agreed that those still reviewing and planning to provide additional edits to send them to the group and him by the end of the day on Tuesday - February 24th.

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 following updated documents:
 1. MVST Benefits Summary spreadsheet - This spreadsheet has been updated with new information that has been added in response to the request for additional information and clarification. The benefits have also been updated to reflect the latest production cost model runs. This information will be reviewed at the TAG meeting next week;
 2. MVST Cost-Benefits Analysis Whitepaper (Redlined and Clean versions) - This document identifies the changes (redlined) that have been made in response to comments and questions received from Participants and TAG members since the original draft was shared in March 2025; Clean version accepts the redlined changes;
 3. CTPC – 2024 MVST Study - Preliminary Solutions Scopes - This document summarizes the previously shared project scopes for each of the 11 preliminary MVST Solutions that were advanced to benefit analysis; and
 4. CTPC Response to TAG Comments on Benefits - This document reflects the CTPC response to the comments and questions that were submitted in response to the request for feedback on the Preliminary MVST Benefits Analysis Methodology and Workpapers from the group consisting of SELC, SACE, NCSEA, and the Sierra Club and the second set of comments and questions that were submitted by CCEBA.

- After the OSC review and discussion on these updated documents, the OSC agreed that these documents with the couple of minor edits agreed upon can now be sent to the TAG and posted on the CTPC website. Brant will update the documents with the approved minor edits and send to Rich for distribution to the TAG and posting on the CTPC website.
- Brant reported that he will be preparing the MVST Study presentation for the TAG MVST Benefits Methodology and Study Solutions results meeting scheduled for Friday - February 27th. He will send out the presentation slides to the OSC for a review and approval via an email vote prior to the TAG meeting.

2026 Study Scope and Schedule

- Orvane Piper 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.
- Orvane reported that as part of the 2026 cycle of work, DEC and DEP are proposing to use 1U models for the Base Reliability and the Local Economic studies. Assuming the Base Reliability Studies assume 1U, then the intent of the following requests will be captured in the Base Reliability Study. He noted that we don't need to perform a separate study to evaluate something that is inherent to the study we're already doing.
- He then reviewed and commented on the following proposed study requests:
 - **Economic Study Request from the Public Staff**
 - Understand the transmission inter-tie needs to accommodate a merged utility
 - **Public Policy Study Request submitted on behalf of SELC, SACE, Sierra Club, and NCSEA.**
 - Public Policy study of merger effects
 - **Economic Study request from NCEMC (Scenarios 1 and 2)**
 - Evaluate 3 scenarios to understand the limiting elements in the respective Duke BAA for large power imports
 - **Economic Study Request from Electricities**
 - Identify transmission constraints to serve six new industrial and manufacturing loads - The six requested sites will be studied using 2031S and 2031W models.

- **Economic Study request from NCEMC (Scenario 3)**
 - Evaluate 3 scenarios to understand the limiting elements in the respective Duke BAA for large power imports.
 - Scenario 3 will be considered as one of the hypothetical transfers that may be studied in the 2026 CTPC cycle.
- **Hypothetical Transfers**
 - 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

Other Requests

- **Public Policy Study request submitted by SACE**
 - Study nuclear coming online earlier or above the capacity volumes already approved in the CPIRP. This request does not meet 4.4.2.1 in Attachment N-1 since an Executive Order doesn't meet the definition of Public Policy.
- **Public Policy Study request submitted by SACE**
 - 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.
 - The 2025 IRP already considers and leverages continued availability of tax credits for energy storage, so any resulting benefits will be incorporated into the 2026 MVST study scope, which will consider the 2025 CPIRP as an input.
- **Economic Study Request submitted on behalf of SELC, SACE, Sierra Club, and NCSEA.**
 - Economic study of 500 kV Cliffside-Newport line
 - This will be considered as a mitigation to identified issues, if appropriate.
- **Economic Study Request submitted on behalf of SELC, SACE, Sierra Club, and NCSEA.**
 - Economic study of 500 kV Parkwood-Wake line
 - This will be considered as a mitigation to identified issues, if appropriate.

- After the OSC review and discussion, Orvane agreed that the PWG will continue to review the details of each of these study requests and provide the OSC with a recommendation on which of these hypothetical study requests should be included in the 2026 study scope of work. He will report back to the OSC after the PWG completes their review and develops their recommendation.

RZEP Project Status Report

- No report.

CTPC Website Report

- No report.

Industry Issues Update

- No update.

Project Updates

- No update.

Open Discussion

- No open discussion.

Upcoming CTPC OSC and TAG Activities

- Bill Quaintance led the OSC review and discussion on the list of upcoming OSC and TAG activities and dates. The proposed activities discussed were:
 - 02/27/26 – TAG MVST Benefits Meeting
 - 03/XX/26 – 2025 Transmission Plan Report Approval (Following PWG Review and Approval)
- These activities and dates will be updated as the various 2026 Study Activities and the development of the Final Draft of 2025 Transmission Plan Report proceeds over the next several weeks.

2026 OSC and TAG Meeting Schedule

- The OSC reviewed the upcoming 2026 meeting dates and times. The OSC confirmed the date and time of the February TAG Benefits Meeting. The OSC will make a determination on the date and time for the TAG 1st Quarter meeting once the Final Draft of the 2025 Transmission Plan Report is available for OSC review and approval.

February 27, 2026	TAG MVST Benefits Meeting 1:30 PM - 3:00 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