

**Carolinas Transmission Planning Collaborative
Oversight / Steering Committee (OSC)
Meeting Highlights
August 20, 2026
(Virtual) / Teleconference Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM ET**

**Bill Quaintance, Vice Chair
Brant Werts
Sid DeSouza
Avni Patel
Bob Pierce
Orvane Piper
Matthew Knudson
Juhua Liu
John Lemire
Trenton Ricklefs
Marty Berland
Connor Hudson
Steve Estes
Mary Ellen Cole
Rich Wodyka**

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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 July 16, 2026 OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights were reviewed and approved by the OSC.

CTPC Workplan Review

- Brant Werts led the OSC review and discussion on the CTPC Workplan spreadsheet. Brant highlighted upcoming CTPC activities and the timing on when some key OSC approvals for reports and documents will likely be requested. The OSC members can continue to review the CTPC activities spreadsheet on the Duke SharePoint site and it will be reviewed again at upcoming OSC meetings.

2026 Base Reliability and Local Economic Study

- Orvane Piper led the OSC review and discussion on the status of the 2026 Study activities. Orvane reported that DEC and DEP are proceeding with the development of the four jointly dispatched transmission one utility (1U) models. He reported it has been a challenge to combine the DEC and DEP internal transmission models but progress has been made. He also noted that the updated interchange transfers provided by NCEC have been incorporated into the models. The next step is to initiate the study analysis next week with the goal of having the Needs study results available for review at the September PWG meeting. Once the Needs study results are available for review then the timeline for when to hold the TAG Needs results meeting in either September or October will be determined.

Multi Value Strategic Transmission (MVST) Study

- Brant Werts led the OSC review and discussion on the feedback from CCEBA and NCEC that has been received on the Draft MVST Study Scope document. He highlighted the CCEBA feedback and discussed his proposed responses. He also used the proposed MVST Comment Matrix to illustrate how this CCEBA feedback and the CTPC responses could be documented. After the OSC review and discussion, it was agreed that Brant would address the CCEBA feedback in his MVST Assumptions presentation and he would begin to use the MVST Comment Matrix to document TAG feedback and the CTPC responses. The MVST Comment Matrix would not be distributed to the TAG and posted until all the responses to the TAG feedback after the MVST Assumptions meeting were addressed and approved by the OSC.
- Brant reviewed the questions and requests for clarification requested by Trenton Ricklefs of NCEC on the Draft MVST Study Scope document. He addressed each of the items. John Lemire agreed that Brant's responses addressed the NCEC questions and requested that Brant provide written responses to document the clarification that he provided. Brant agreed that he would provide Trenton along with the OSC with his written responses to the NCEC questions and requests for clarification.

Multi Value Strategic Transmission (MVST) Assumptions Meeting Presentation

- Brant Werts led the OSC review and discussion on his Draft MVST Assumptions Meeting presentation for the August 25th TAG meeting. Brant addressed the OSC comments and questions raised during his review. After the OSC review, it was agreed that another presentation review meeting was not necessary before the August 25th TAG meeting. Rich Wodyka noted that he had a few formatting changes and a couple of minor edits. Rich will work with Brant to produce a final draft of the presentation and send it back out to the OSC for a final review prior to the August 25th TAG meeting.

RZEP Project Status Report

- No report.

CTPC Press Release

- Rich Wodyka reviewed the previous OSC discussion related to the preparation of any future CTPC Press Release. He noted that in the previous discussion, the OSC agreed that a determination would be made up front whether a Press Release would be used before any resources were put into developing a Press Release. A review and discussion on performing a CTPC Press Release for this year's study would occur in the December – January timeframe.

CTPC Website

- Brant Werts reported that a meeting is scheduled next week with the Duke IT lead who has been responsible for updating and maintaining the CTPC website. A new plan needs to be developed to get Duke IT support as the current IT lead has been reassigned to other projects. Brant will provide an update at the next OSC meeting on the plan to get the CTPC website updated and maintained.

OSC and PWG Interface

- Bill Quaintance provided background on the previous discussion on this OSC and PWG interface. It started with a concern raised about the amount of OSC reviews and approvals in the CTPC process. In discussing this concern, there was some interest in giving the PWG more authority for approving some CTPC items. The OSC will continue discussion of this item at the next OSC meeting.

Industry Issues Update

- Bob Pierce provided an update on several NERC activities.
 - NERC is working on new development of standards for large loads related to the growth of data centers and the composition, scale, and electrical behavior of these large loads on the North American bulk power system. In the past the dynamic behavior of larger loads was well understood and their response during system disturbances could be modeled using established frameworks. The new class of large data center loads differ in magnitude, speed of response, and grid impact by orders of magnitude, making the development of new modeling approaches essential for system planning and real-time operational studies. New software is being developed to help with analyzing these new large loads.

- There is a new NERC Reliability Standards related to FERC Order No. 901 that addresses a wide spectrum of reliability risks to the grid from the application of Inverter Based Resources (IBR), including both utility scale and behind-the-meter or distributed energy resources. Consideration will be needed with other active transmission planning-related Reliability Standards Projects to ensure any potential overlapping requirements are effectively coordinated between drafting teams. These standards are anticipated to be filed by November 4, 2026.
- NERC pursuant to NERC Rules of Procedure is required to develop and provide to applicable governmental authorities an annual Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP) for standards development. NERC is promoting an updated Version 3 of the RSDP. NERC provides the RSDP to the NERC Standards Committee for review and posts the RSDP for industry comment but is not required to get any member approvals prior to taking to the NERC Board for approval and filing with the FERC.

Project Updates

- No update.

Open Discussion

- No update.

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:
 - 09/17/26 – 2026 Draft MVST Study Scope Approval and Post
 - 09/XX/26 - Reliability Needs Meeting
 - 10/XX/26 - TAG 3rd Quarter Meeting
 - 10/15/26 – OSC Meeting – consider changing date for an in-person OSC meeting and Virtual TAG meeting
- These activities and dates will be updated as the various 2026 Study Activities proceed over the next several weeks.

2026 OSC and TAG Meeting Schedule

- The OSC reviewed the upcoming 2026 meeting dates and times.

August 25, 2026	2026 MVST Assumptions Meeting	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	TBD
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