

**Carolinas Transmission Planning Collaborative
Oversight / Steering Committee (OSC)
Meeting Highlights
July 16, 2026
(Virtual) / Teleconference Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:20 PM ET**

Bill Quaintance, Vice Chair
Avni Patel
Bob Pierce
Juhua Liu
John Lemire
Marty Berland
Chris Ware
Connor Hudson
Brett Alkins
Rich Wodyka

Duke Energy Progress
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NCEC
ElectriCities
CEPCI
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EnergyUnited
Consultant Administrator

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

Executive Session - EnergyUnited Representation

- The OSC went into an Executive Session to review and discuss the EnergyUnited request to add a 3rd representative on the PWG along with being an alternate on the OSC. Brett Alkins led the OSC discussion and highlighted the qualifications of the Energy United consultant on how she matches up to the required PWG qualifications. After the OSC review and discussion, Mary Ellen Cole, the EnergyUnited consultant, was approved by the OSC to be the 3rd EnergyUnited representative on the PWG along with being an alternate EnergyUnited representative on the OSC.

OSC Agenda

- Bill Quaintance reviewed the OSC meeting agenda.

OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights

- The June 18, 2026 OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights were reviewed and approved by the OSC.

CTPC Workplan Review

- The OSC reviewed and discussed the CTPC Workplan spreadsheet that documents the upcoming CTPC activities and schedule. Bill Quaintance 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

- Bill Quaintance led the OSC review and discussion on the status of the 2026 Study activities. Bill reported that DEC and DEP are proceeding with the development of the jointly dispatched transmission one utility (1U) models.
- John Lemire reviewed the NCEC perspective on getting large loads (50 MW) information that are in the Duke study models used in the Base Reliability and Local Economic Studies. He noted that NCEC is not interested in specific customer information but rather the general 50 MW load locations on the system. Bill Quaintance noted that once the study models are completed that Duke could then be in a position to review the large load information that NCEC is interested in at an upcoming PWG meeting. While NDA's are executed and would cover this type of large load information, there still remains the concern that this information could be inadvertently be disclosed. The OSC will continue to discuss the format of the specific large load information that can be shared and the timing of when this information can be shared.

Multi Value Strategic Transmission (MVST) Study

- Bill Quaintance led the OSC review and discussion on the Draft MVST Study Scope document that was sent out by Brant Werts on July 9th after the PWG meeting review. After the OSC review and discussion, it was agreed that Rich Wodyka would produce a clean version of the Draft MVST Study Scope document and send it back to the OSC for a final review. The OSC agreed that any additional comments, questions or suggested edits on this version, would be provided to the group by the end of the day on Monday – July 20th. Depending on any feedback submitted then the goal would be to have an OSC vote to distribute the Draft of the 2026 MVST Study Scope to the TAG and post it on the CTPC website to begin the TAG review and comment period before setting the date and time for the MVST Assumptions meeting in August.
- Rich Wodyka led the OSC review and discussion on a proposed MVST Comment Matrix. He noted that at the last TAG meeting in the discussion on the 2026 MVST Activities report, the question was raised about having an ongoing MVST Comment Matrix that gets maintained and posted on the CTPC website. In response to that question, one of the TAG members provided an example of a

Comment Matrix that the DOE used for its last National Transmission Needs Study. Rich then reviewed a proposed format of a Comment Matrix that he prepared as the starting point to begin the development of MVST Comment Matrix. After the OSC review and discussion, it was agreed that the PWG would review this proposed Comment Matrix and develop a version that they would recommend to the OSC for approval.

2026 Mid-Year Update to the 2025 Transmission Plan

- The OSC reviewed the comments and edits on the 2026 Mid-Year Update to the 2025 Transmission Plan that were submitted by NCEC after the PWG meeting review. John Lemire highlighted their proposed edits on the Reason for Change for various Project Status. He also explained the cost changes proposed and their Estimated In-Service date questions. Avni Patel noted that the proposed Reason for Change on various Project Status edits should be ok and she would have the Duke team review all the proposed NCEC edits and produce an updated report. This updated report would then be sent back to the PWG for a final review. Once the PWG completes its review and endorses the updated report, it will be sent back to the OSC for a final review and approval. The OSC understands that this 2026 Mid-Year Update to the 2025 Transmission Plan needs to be approved so it can be distributed and posted on the CTPC website before the August 15th deadline.

RZEP Project Status Report

- No report.

2026 Press Release for the 2025 Study Report

- Rich Wodyka reviewed the previous OSC discussion on the overall process that resulted in the preparation of the 2026 Press Release for the 2025 Study Report. 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.

CTPC Website

- No report.

OSC and PWG Interface

- Rich Wodyka 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. This

could result in less OSC reviews and approvals but so far there has been no specific items that have been identified to delegate to the PWG. The OSC will continue discussion of this item at the next OSC meeting.

Industry Issues Update

- No update.

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:
 - 07/XX/26 – Post Draft of Mid-Year Update for 2025 Transmission Plan
 - 08/XX/26 – 2026 MVST Assumptions Meeting, set date and time
 - 08/XX/26 – 2026 Draft MVST Study Scope Approval and Post
- 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. It was noted that the date and time for the 2026 MVST Assumptions Meeting needs to be set after the OSC approval of the Draft 2026 MVST Study Scope.

August 20, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	Virtual Meeting
August XX, 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	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