

**Carolinas Transmission Planning Collaborative
Oversight / Steering Committee (OSC)
Meeting Highlights
September 17, 2026
(Virtual) / Teleconference Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:40 PM ET**

Joe Mason, Chair	NCEC
John Lemire	NCEC
Trenton Ricklefs	NCEC
Avni Patel	Duke Energy Carolinas
Bob Pierce	Duke Energy Carolinas
Orvane Piper	Duke Energy Carolinas
Matthew Knudson	Duke Energy Carolinas
Juhua Liu	Duke Energy Carolinas
Sammy Roberts	Duke Energy Progress
Bill Quaintance	Duke Energy Progress
Brant Werts	Duke Energy Progress
Sid DeSouza	Duke Energy Progress
Marty Berland	ElectriCities
Chris Ware	CEPCI
Brett Alkins	EnergyUnited
Steve Estes	EnergyUnited
Steve McCachern	EnergyUnited
Mary Ellen Cole	EnergyUnited
Rich Wodyka	Consultant Administrator

OSC Agenda

- Joe Mason reviewed the OSC meeting agenda.

OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights

- The August 20, 2026 OSC Meeting Minutes and Highlights were reviewed and approved by the OSC.

2026 Base Reliability and Local Economic Study

- Joe Mason reviewed the NCEC interest in getting large loads information from the Duke study models used for 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 the study models are now being finalized and that Duke would then be in a position to

review the large load information that NCEC is interested in at an upcoming PWG meeting.

- Orvane Piper led the OSC review and discussion on the status of the 2026 Study activities. Orvane reported that DEC and DEP are finalizing the development of the four jointly dispatched transmission one utility (1U) models. They are now proceeding with the analysis of the reliability and economics needs. He expects to have the initial preliminary needs results available for review at the upcoming October PWG meeting. Once the PWG review is completed then the needs results would be sent on to the OSC for review and approval to post and distribute the preliminary needs results. Once the OSC approves the preliminary needs results then the TAG meeting date and time to present the preliminary needs results can be determined toward the end of October.

Multi Value Strategic Transmission (MVST) Study

- Brant Werts led the OSC review and discussion on the TAG feedback that has been received on the Draft MVST Study Scope document after the MVST Assumptions Meeting. He used the MVST Comment Matrix to provide a detailed review of all the TAG feedback and the suggested responses. He noted the specific comments that still need to be resolved. He then correlated the proposed responses to the TAG feedback that would result in updates to the Draft MVST Study Scope document. He noted the specific changes in a redlined version of the scope document. After the OSC review and discussion of the TAG feedback, the proposed responses and the proposed changes to the study scope, it was agreed that Brant would continue to update the Comment Matrix and send out a redlined and clean version of the study scope for OSC final review and approval. The goal is to get the OSC approval to post and distribute the Final MVST Study Scope by the end of next week.

TAG Activities Update

- Joe Mason led the OSC discussion on having the Reliability and Economic Study Needs meeting along with the regular 3rd Quarter TAG meeting. The OSC agreed that holding the Needs meeting and the 3rd Quarter TAG meeting made sense. The timing of when to hold this TAG meeting is still dependent on getting the preliminary needs results completed, reviewed by the PWG and approved by the OSC.
- Related to combining the Reliability and Economic Study Needs meeting and the 3rd Quarter TAG meeting, Rich Wodyka had sent out a Draft TAG meeting agenda before this OSC meeting. Rich briefly reviewed the proposed agenda items which incorporated the Reliability and Economic Study Needs into the regular 3rd Quarter Meeting items. Rich noted that this was how the preliminary needs results were included in the regular 3rd Quarter TAG meeting last year. After discussion, the OSC agreed on the proposed 3rd Quarter TAG meeting agenda items. Once the date and time for this 3rd Quarter TAG meeting is

determined, Rich will then update this TAG meeting agenda and send it back out to the OSC for a final review and approval prior to posting and distributing it to the TAG.

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.

RZEP Project Status Report

- Sammy Roberts reported on the status of RZEP projects. He reported that 12 of the 15 original RZEP 1.0 projects are in service, 2 of the 3 remaining RZEP 1.0 projects are expected to be in service by the end of this year, and the final RZEP 1.0 project is expected to be in service in November next year. Regarding the DOE payment for the Lee – Milburnie RZEP project, Sammy reported that information has been filed with the DOE and he is hopeful that the payment will be received soon.

CTPC Press Release

- Joe Mason 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

- Sammy Roberts reported that a meeting was held with the Duke IT lead who has been responsible for updating and maintaining the CTPC website. The plan is to have all the necessary changes made to the online website by the end of the month.

OSC and PWG Interface

- Joe Mason provided background on previous discussions on this OSC and PWG interface. He noted that there was not much to discuss at this point. Rich Wodyka encouraged both OSC and PWG members to communicate as various items are coming up for PWG reviews and eventually OSC reviews and approvals. Also having PWG and OSC members attending both meetings also helps with improving the OSC and PWG interface.

Industry Issues Update

- No update.

Project Updates

- No update.

Open Discussion

- No update.

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:
 - 10/XX/26 – OSC Meeting – consider changing date for an in-person OSC meeting and Virtual TAG meeting
 - 10/XX/26 - TAG 3rd Quarter 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.
- Joe Mason inquired whether the 2027 OSC meetings should continue on the 3rd Thursday. There were no problems suggested with the current OSC meeting schedule so Joe will proceed with setting up the dates and times for 2027.

October XX, 2026	OSC Meeting 10 AM – 12 PM	TBD
October 2026	TAG 3 rd Quarter Meeting TBD	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 4 th Quarter Meeting TBD	Virtual Meeting