

**NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL, L.L.C. (“NYSRC”)**  
**POLICY NO. 3-5**  
**ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE**

**1.0 Introduction**

This document explains the NYSRC procedures associated with the handling of receipts, disbursements, bank statements, financial reports, and the NYSRC funding mechanism. Responsibilities of the NYSRC Executive Committee Treasurer (“Treasurer”), the NYSRC Accountant (“Accountant”), NYSRC Auditor (“Auditor”), and NYSRC members are delineated in this Procedure.

**2.0 Receipts**

The NYSRC Executive Committee shall authorize Calls for Funds, normally on a quarterly basis, in accordance with the annual Funding Mechanism (see Section 6.0).

The NYSRC shall maintain a regular checking account with a bank approved by the NYSRC Executive Committee.

All checks received by the Treasurer shall be deposited expeditiously in the checking account. Copies of the checks and deposit slips shall be forwarded to the Accountant in the current month. Copies shall be retained by the Treasurer.

**3.0 Disbursements**

The Accountant shall prepare the checks for authorized signature by the Treasurer, or such other individual as the NYSRC Executive Committee may designate, after appropriate approval for payment.

The Chairman of the NYSRC Executive Committee, or his/her designee, must authorize all payments, with the exception noted below. Appropriate documentation for expenses will be required as follows:

3.1 Annual Retainer Fee for Unaffiliated Members - The dates of payment and amounts to each individual shall be set forth in an annual document, approved by the NYSRC Executive Committee consistent with the NYSRC Operating Agreement. Payments shall be made quarterly on or before January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. The amount of Unaffiliated Member retainer fees shall be approved by the NYSRC Executive Committee and documented in accordance with Section 7.0. Authorization of the NYSRC Executive Committee Chairman for retainer fee payments is not required.

3.2 Meeting Fees for Unaffiliated Members – Meeting fee amounts to be paid to the Unaffiliated Members of the NYSRC Executive Committee for participation in all

NYSRC committee, subcommittee, and working group meetings shall be approved by the NYSRC Executive Committee in accordance with Section 7.0. Meeting fee rates shall vary depending on the type of Unaffiliated Member meeting participation, as follows:

- 3.2.1 Personal attendance at and participation in meetings by Unaffiliated Members. The meeting fee rate for these meetings are on a per Meeting Day basis. A Meeting Day is a normal calendar day in which one or more meetings are held. The Unaffiliated Member is expected to attend essentially all of a meeting to qualify to receive compensation and attendance is for an official purpose for the NYSRC.
- 3.2.2 Participation by Unaffiliated Members in a regularly scheduled NYSRC Executive Committee, Subcommittee, or Working Group meeting through telephonic conferencing. The Unaffiliated Member is expected to be on line for essentially all of the meeting.
- 3.2.3 Participation by Unaffiliated Members in other (special purpose) prearranged conference calls in which it is required to have a quorum.
- 3.2.4 Participation by Unaffiliated Members in (conference or other) calls, which are merely for information or for discussion purposes, shall not be compensated for.

Unaffiliated Members shall submit an invoice, for the appropriate fee, as in the same or similar format as shown in Appendix A, to the Chairman of the NYSRC Executive Committee for approval. After the Chairman has approved the invoice for payment, he/she shall forward it to the Accountant for processing.

- 3.3 Travel and Other Expenses – Travel and other expenses by the Unaffiliated Members or other authorized personnel, which are to be reimbursed, must be submitted to the Chairman of the NYSRC Executive Committee as in the same or similar format as shown in Appendix A. After approval the travel/other expense invoice shall be forwarded to the Accountant for processing. Mileage shall be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) approved mileage reimbursement rate. Appropriate backup expense documentation and receipts shall be submitted to the Treasurer.
- 3.4 Other Expenditures – Invoices for all other expenditures, including fees for services from other authorized personnel, shall be approved by the Chairman and supported by an appropriate evidence of services or goods provided. Appendix A or similar forms should be used to submit these expenditures for payment.
- 3.5 When the Chairman of the NYSRC Executive Committee is an Unaffiliated Member, expenses under 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 above shall be approved by the Vice Chairman of the NYSRC Executive Committee.

#### **4.0 Bank Statements**

The Treasurer shall review the monthly bank statements and forward them to the Accountant for reconciliation.

#### **5.0 Annual Budget**

The NYSRC Executive Committee shall annually prepare and approve a budget no later than August 15 for the following calendar year.

#### **6.0 Annual Funding Mechanism**

The NYSRC Executive Committee shall annually prepare and approve a Funding Mechanism no later than August 15 to cover budget expenses for the following calendar year.

#### **7.0 Compensation Reviews**

The NYSRC Executive Committee shall annually review no later than July 15, compensation for the following calendar year, covering: Unaffiliated Members (retainer and meeting fees), Consultants, the Executive Secretary, the Administrative Assistant, and other individuals that provide professional services for the NYSRC. Any compensation changes shall be approved and documented by the NYSRC Executive Committee. Unaffiliated Members may be excused from any portion of an Executive Committee meeting during which their compensation is reviewed.

#### **8.0 Reporting**

The Accountant shall prepare monthly summaries of receipts and expenses, including a comparison with the NYSRC budget, by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month, in a format agreed upon with the NYSRC Executive Committee. This monthly report shall be presented to the NYSRC Executive Committee.

The Auditor shall prepare a year-end financial statement and annual audit, and present them to the NYSRC Executive Committee by March 31 of the following year. The Accountant and Treasurer shall forward to the Auditor appropriate documentation, as required, for the annual audit.

The Accountant or Auditor shall prepare tax exempt organization returns for filing with the IRS and State, as determined necessary.

The Accountant shall prepare IRS Form 1099 individual income statements, as determined necessary.

### **NYSRC Policy No. 3-5 approved by NYSRC Executive Committee – November 13, 2009**

**APPENDIX A**  
**NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL, L.L.C.**  
**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES & COMPENSATION**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLOWABLE EXPENSES\***

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Date(s) of Travel          |  |
| Purpose of Trip(s)         |  |
| Mileage @ Current IRS Rate |  |
| Car Rental                 |  |
| Gas                        |  |
| Airfare                    |  |
| Hotel                      |  |
| Meals                      |  |
| Other (describe)           |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>      |  |

\*Attach receipts to support all expenses in excess of \$25.

**COMPENSATION (INCLUDING MEETING FEES & OTHER SERVICES)**

|   |  |
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| Dates and Descriptions of Meetings, Services, etc. (use additional sheets if necessary) |  |
| <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>   |  |

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| <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION + EXPENSES</b> |  |
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**For New York State Reliability, L.L.C. Use Only**

Approved for Payment by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_