

MEETING OF RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE
Minutes – RCMS Meeting #303 – 10:00 am, Thursday, March 5, 2026

RCMS Members and Alternates:

Leka Gjonaj	Consultant, RCMS Chair
Brian Shanahan	National Grid
Luke Figliozi	PSEGLI
Brian Gordon	NYSEG
Nathan Hansen	LS POWER
Robert Houston	NYSEG
Libin Varghese	NYPA
Praneeth Mudunuri	NYISO
Rahul Pandit	PSEG
Ean Stevenson	NYISO

Non-Voting Participants:

Alison Stuart	NYISO
David Allen	Consultant, RRS Chair
Gregory Campoli	NYISO
Tejas Tamhankar	NYISO
Raj Deontireddy	NYISO
Humayun Kabir	NYSDPS
Denise DeChiaro	NYISO
Schuchen Huang	NYISO
Keith Burell	NYISO

1.1 Executive Session

The Chair called the meeting to order and inquired whether there were any items to report from the executive session.

- No items were raised.

1.2 Requests for Additional Agenda Items

The Chair invited requests for additional agenda items.

- Chair proposed the discussion of next month's meeting schedule, to be addressed at the end of the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes / Action Items

2.1 RCMS Draft Minutes #302 (February 5, 2026)

- A roll call was conducted to confirm attendance for the February 5, 2026 meeting. Updates were made in real time.
- The Chair reviewed the minutes and opened the floor for comments, and none were raised
- A motion was made by Chair Leka Gjonaj to approve the minutes as revised (including attendance updates). The motion was seconded by Rahul Pandit
- The minutes were approved by exception, with no objections or abstentions.

2.2 RCMS #302 Status Report to Executive Committee

The Chair reported on the previous Executive Committee (EC) meeting:

- At the EC meeting, the Chair reported that three items reviewed by RCMS in the February meeting were found to be in full compliance, with no comments from the Executive Committee and no additional matters to report. No new assignments were issued

2.3 RCMS Action Items List

- No action items were reported.

3. NYSRC 2024–2026 Reliability Compliance Monitoring Program

3.1 2026 Reliability Compliance Scorecard / Tracker

- The scorecard tracker was updated to reflect previously approved items, with a minor revision to the ATR approval date driven by the NPCC schedule, and final approval expected in August 2026, remaining contingent upon NPCC’s final approval.

The Chair noted that agenda items under this section would be reviewed individually, followed by a single motion for approval.

3.2 2025 NYCA Transmission Review – Comprehensive (Contingent Approval) [B.2: R1]

Alison Stuart (Manager, Reliability Studies, NYISO) presented the 2025 Comprehensive ATR, covering key study assumptions, assessment results, review summaries, corrective action processes, and conclusions.

ATRs are conducted annually to ensure conformance with NPCC and NYSRC criteria, analyzing the Bulk Power Transmission System (BPTS), with only applicable facilities subject to these criteria.

The study is based on a 2030 system model, with the last comprehensive ATR completed in 2020 and interim ATRs conducted from 2021 through 2024.

The case assumptions used in this ATR are consistent with the as-planned system representation in the NYISO 2025 Quarter 3 STAR assessment.

3.3 Procedures for Generating Capacity Verification Testing [I.1: R1–R2]

Chair presented the procedures and supporting documentation for generating capacity verification testing and mentioned NYISO is in full compliance. Members had reviewed the materials in advance, and no questions or comments were raised.

3.4 GO Generation Net Dependable Capacity Tests [I.1: R3]

NYISO Staff **Gabriel Centi** presented the net dependable capacity (DMNC) testing process, including scheduling of generator tests, day-ahead market participation for dispatch, data submission via the ICAP Automated Market System, and subsequent review by the Market Monitoring and Analysis (MMA) group and ICAP Market Operations prior to final approval. He also presented the resource capacity verification testing under NYSRC Requirement I.1 R3, noting that all applicable generating owners verified their DMNC and reported the results to

NYISO for the capability periods in question, and NYISO was found to be in full compliance with NYSRC Rule I.1 R3. No questions were raised.

3.5 GO Generation Reactive Power Capacity Tests [I.1: R4]

NYISO staff Raj Dontireddy presented the annual reactive power capability testing process, including submission of leading and lagging capability data, handling of extension requests with technical justification when applicable, and verification through the NYISO online system, with approved results used for settlements and system modeling updates. NYISO certified that all applicable generating owners performed reactive power capability tests and reported the results for the Summer 2025 test period, and NYISO is in full compliance with NYSRC Requirement I.1 R4. No questions were raised.

3.6 Operations Monthly Report [C.8: R1]

NYISO Staff G. Campoli presented the January 2026 Operations Report. The monthly peak load was 24,177 MW on January 30, compared to the all-time peak of 25,738 MW in January 2014. No major emergencies occurred; however, 19 alert states were declared, primarily due to emergency transfer conditions and ACE deviations. A thunderstorm alert was reported as the third event in January, lasting approximately 11.4 hours, along with five reserve activations. Four of these activations occurred through a simultaneous activation of reserves via the NPCC process across New York, Ontario, and New England, and one activation was associated with a large control error. During the cold weather period from approximately January 25 through January 30, emergency actions were implemented, including utilization of Special Case Resources and the Emergency Demand Response (EDR) program; no TLRs were declared, and no field alerts were issued during this period.

It was further noted that the two simultaneous reserve reactivations occurred on January 6 due to the loss of Bow Line (550 MW) and on January 26 due to the loss of Oswego 6 (630 MW). The January operations report was then concluded, with no questions raised.

The Chair subsequently requested that the DMNC and reactive power test certification items be displayed again for confirmation of the requirements under review. The Chair then returned to the agenda and called for a motion regarding agenda items 3.3 through 3.6. A motion was made by Brian Shanahan to find NYISO in full compliance with the following items: procedures for generating capacity verification testing, generation net dependable capacity (DMNC) tests, generation reactive power capability tests, and the operations monthly report. The motion was seconded by Rahul Pandit.

The committee proceeded with a vote by exception, with no objections and no abstentions. The motion carried, and NYISO was found to be in full compliance with agenda items 3.3 through 3.6.

A question was raised regarding why item 3.2 was included in the current meeting given its later approval timeline. C.Campoli clarified that the item is presented as a preview of the NPCC/RCC review process, allowing the Reliability Council to provide early feedback prior to final approval. It was further explained that once the RCC approval is completed, the process is considered final, and this early review ensures any potential concerns are addressed in advance.

4.1 NPCC Compliance Committee Report

NYISO Staff G. Campoli provided an update on NPCC Compliance Committee activities, noting ongoing compliance program discussions and planned engagement items for upcoming meetings. No issues requiring RCMS action were reported.

4.2 Other NYISO, NPCC, and NERC Activities

NYISO staff **G. Campoli** reported on additional NYISO, NPCC, and NERC-related activities. A focus discussion is planned for the upcoming NPCC Compliance Committee in April, including an emphasis on audit experiences and stakeholder feedback regarding compliance processes. No further actions were identified for RCMS.

5. Reports

5.1 NYSRC EC Meeting Report

Chair L. Gjonaj presented the EC meeting report and summarized prior EC discussions. No additional comments or follow-up items were identified beyond what had already been covered during the RCMS review.

5.2 NYSRC ICS Meeting Report

Brian Shanahan provided a summary of the ICS meeting discussions in RRS. No additional updates or actions were required from RCMS.

6. Next RCMS Meeting (#304)

The Chair noted that no compliance items are scheduled for the March cycle, except for routine operations reporting. Accordingly, it was proposed to cancel the April 2 RCMS meeting and reschedule the next meeting for April 30. The motion carried with no objections.

Adjournment

The Chair then moved to adjourn the meeting Brian Shanahan seconded. Meeting adjourned