

MEETING OF RELIABILITY COMPLIANCE MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE
Minutes – RCMS Meeting #304 – 10:00 am, Thursday, April 30, 2026

RCMS Members and Alternates:

Leka Gjonaj	Consultant, RCMS Chair
Brian Shanahan	National Grid
Luke Figliozzi	PSEGLI
Brian Gordon	NYSEG
Robert Houston	NYSEG
Libin Varghese	NYPA
Rahul Pandit	PSEGLI
Dan Head	Con Edison
Damian Interrante	Central Hudson
Myles Shipe	Central Hudson
Robert Eisenhuth	PSEGLI

Non-Voting Participants:

David Allen	Consultant, RRS Chair
Denise DeChiaro	NYISO
Christian Ruiz	NYISO
Jon Sawyer	NYISO
William Porter	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 #303 (March 5, 2026)

- The Chair reviewed the minutes from the March 5 meeting and opened the floor for comments, and none were raised
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- Dan head made the motion to approve the March 5 meeting minutes and was seconded by Robert Houston (NYSEG). The motion carried without objection.

2.2 RCMS #302 Status Report to Executive Committee

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

- Five compliance items were reviewed in detail and both the RCMS Chair and the Executive Committee agreed that NYISO was found to be in full compliance. The Chair also noted that there were no new action items resulting from the Executive Committee meeting.

No questions were raised regarding the report.

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 compliance scorecard attached to the meeting materials was reviewed. The Chair requested members to confirm that the tracker accurately reflected compliance activities completed over the previous twelve months. No concerns or corrections were raised.

3.2. Operations Monthly Report (February 2026) [C.8: R1]

- NYISO – John Taylor presented the February 2026 Operations Monthly Report.
- The February peak load was reported as 24,317 MW, occurring on Saturday, February 7, which also represented the winter peak for the year. The operating reserve requirement was approximately 1,965 MW, with the all-time historical peak remaining 25,738 MW from January 7, 2014.
- No major emergencies or alert states occurred during the month. However, several reserve activations were reported, including:
 - Six occasions reserve were activated during the month with 4 loss of NYCA generators
 - Three simultaneous activation of reserve across NYISO
 - Two large control errors (above 200 MW), including 1load pickup conditions, and 1schedule changes& load pick up

- Four occasions reserves were activated during the month of February.
- No PL Level 3 events occurred, CPS1 performance remained satisfactory at 156.86%, and no BAAL violations were reported.
- Specific reserve pickup events were also reviewed, including:
 - February 6: Loss of Bowline 1&2 resulting in reserve pickups and SAR activation
 - February 14: Reserve pickup associated with loss of Bowline 1
 - February 22: Reserve pickup associated with loss of Bowline 1 event

- Discussion followed regarding the February peak demand forecast. NYISO staff noted that the winter peak occurring on a weekend was unusual and represented one of the highest winter demand periods in recent years. It was further explained that approximately 400 MW of demand response resources were activated during the event, placing actual demand levels right between 50/50 and 90/10 winter forecast range.

- No additional questions were raised regarding the February operations report.

3.3. Operations Monthly Report (March 2026) [C.8: R1]

- NYISO reported that the peak load for the month was 21,368 MW, which occurred on March 2, 2026, at 18:00 hours.
- One thunderstorm alert was declared during March, lasting approximately one hour, which was considered unusual for the season. 7 alert states issued for the month of March. Approximately 5 occasions reserves were activated during the month including events associated with generator losses at NYCA and 4 simultaneous activation of reserves
- No emergency generation purchases or sales were required during the month, and no NPCC Emergency Procedure Level 3 events were declared. System performance indicators, including CPS metrics, remained within acceptable limits, with only one DCS-related event reported.
- NYISO staff explained that ACE excursions outside the 500 MW threshold are typically associated with generation trip events; however, the need to declare an alert depends on system response and prevailing operating conditions. In some cases, a generation loss may not result in ACE exceeding the threshold due to system response and scheduled operating conditions, but in the event discussed, the approximately 550 MW loss resulted in ACE exceeding the 500 MW criterion under normal operating circumstances.
- No additional questions were raised regarding outage dates or system performance.
- NYISO staff further explained that reserve pickup actions are evaluated based on operating conditions, including generation losses and prevailing system conditions such as HVDC transfers and system loading. In the event discussed, the loss involved approximately 550 MW, and reserve pickup actions were initiated in accordance with normal operating procedures.
- A motion was made by Dan Head and seconded by Damian Interrante to find NYISO in full compliance with the February and March Operations Monthly Reports. The motion carried by exception with no objections or abstentions.

4. NYISO/NERC/NPCC Compliance Program and Activity Status

4.1 NPCC Compliance Committee Report

NYISO staff reported No additional updates

4.2 Other NYISO, NPCC, and NERC Activities

No further updates were provided at this time. The Chair acknowledged ongoing coordination activities and noted that no additional items required RCMS action or discussion.

5. Reports

5.1 NYSRC EC Meeting Report

No additional updates were provided beyond what David summarized earlier RRS summary. The Chair indicated that there were no new follow-up items or actions arising from the EC meeting. The Chair noted that relevant supporting data referenced by David remains available, and members may reach out for follow-up discussion if needed.

5.2 NYSRC ICS Meeting Report

No further updates were provided. Brian Shanahan updated it in the RRS meeting.

6. Next RCMS Meeting #305: Thursday, June 4, 2026 (in person)

The Chair informed the group that the next meeting will be held in person at the NYISO facility and encouraged members to participate.