

# 23Q3 GRID MODERNIZATION TASK FORCE OVERVIEW



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## OBSTACLE



23Q3 Stakeholder Challenge: Grid Modernization  
August 17th @ 8:00am – 12:30pm  
Holland & Knight, Boston, MA

### DERIVED 12-MONTH CRITICAL OBSTACLE

Building trust & understanding with customers & communities with health based decision making to enable meaningful collaboration to deliver an electrification-based energy transition, equitably & affordably.



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## SOLUTION



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### 12-MONTH & 90-DAY GOAL

#### 90 DAY:

Improve understanding of Electric Sector Modernization Plans (ESMPs) by providing maps visibility into investments and EJ communities; bring front and center equity metrics that already exist into Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC) decision making.

#### 12-MONTH:

File the ESMPs with robust stakeholder feedback.

## RESULTS



Advanced Energy Group  
23Q3 Grid Modernization Task Force  
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To the Grid Modernization Advisory Council and the Equity Working Group,

In working towards the 90-day goal, our Task Force reviewed the ESMPs and developed a draft equity evaluation matrix with guiding questions to serve as the basis of our recommendations related to inclusive decision-making, community impact, equity, and health. To support our electric distribution companies commitment and leadership on trust building, understanding and equity, these questions include:

1. Do the ESMPs include **plain language** to communicate the impacts and outcomes of the ESMPs?
2. Do the ESMPs include maps and visuals that make it easy for community members to understand the **local impact** of proposed solutions?
3. Do the ESMPs provide and **guarantee opportunities** for **local communities** to engage and provide meaningful input?
4. Do the ESMPs address disparity of wealth and environmental justice in the Commonwealth and provide **measurable relief** in the form of **economic benefits** to communities that have or will be disproportionately impacted?
5. Do the ESMPs address disparity of wealth and environmental justice in the Commonwealth and provide **measurable relief** in the form of **health benefits** to communities that have or will be disproportionately impacted?

### TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS



# 23Q3 GRID MODERNIZATION NEXT STEPS:

- Electric Sector Modernization Plans (ESMPs) were filed on January 29th with stakeholder feedback
- Notably, the EDCs have agreed to support the work of the newly established Community Engagement Stakeholder Advisory Group (CESAG)



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