

Topic Area	Subtopics Identified by Participants	Comments raised by	Objectives
Topic Area 1: Principles of Rate Regulation	Effective performance objectives	DPS	DPS recommends: Guidance or Requirements, by rule or order pursuant to 218d(e) and/or 218d(h), governing the filing of a petition to approve an alternative regulation plan, as well as standards and procedures by which the effectiveness of the alternative form of regulation can be determined.
	Encouraging energy efficiency and renewable energy	CLF	
	Least cost- including economic and environmental costs	CLF	
	Compliance with statutory mandates for renewable power, net metering, and other directives and cost causation associated with meeting these goals	GMP, WEC	
	Incentives for cost management in operations, capital budgets, power supply, and aligning consumer and public interest with mgmt. goals	DPS	
	Customer outreach and communications	DPS	
	Transparency and regulatory review structure	DPS, AARP	
	Protection from windfall losses and profits	DPS	
	Decoupling utility revenues from sales	DPS, VEIC, CLF	
	Affordability of electricity Low-income assistance programs	DPS, WEC, AARP	
	Do benefits of potential non-traditional regulation outweigh disadvantages?	AARP	

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Topic Area 2: Rate Design	General rate structure- inclining block, TOU rates, monthly fixed charges, complexity of bills	WEC	
	Rates should result in price signals to customers and the markets	VEIC	
	Demand Response Tariff	VEIC	
	End Use Rates	VPPSA, BED	
	Pilot rate flexibility	VPPSA, BED	
	Optimizing use of smart meters	CLF, WEC	
Topic Area 3: Grid Impacts	Dealing with more diverse and geographically distributed generators; Integrating renewables into the grid	GMP, Sunrun	
	Peak Management; Storing electricity	GMP	
	Increasing transmission-related costs, capacity market, ISO-NE fees, volatility in REC market	GMP, WEC	
	Examine gaps between 248, other siting policies, and ISO interconnection standards	VELCO	
	Encouraging siting of generation that would prevent the restricted operation of existing generation	VELCO	
	Explore barriers to customer management of power supply and consumption	CLF	
	Using strategic electrification to flatten load growth	CLF	
	How are other states dealing with distributed generation and grid modernization?	Sunrun	
Topic Area 4: Other Specific to Municipal and Cooperative Utilities	Cash reserves Rate approval process Section 108 financings	VPPSA, BED	