

Summary of Governance Task Force Conference Call #2
Mon., August 16, 9:30 –11:30 PM ET

Official/designated Task Force members in attendance, and other speakers: Ryan Kind, Beth Soholt, Steve Gaw, Maryam Sharif, Tammy Linde, David Meyer (DOE), Craig Glazer, and David Whiteley (EIPC), Catherine Morris, Caitlin Connelly (Keystone)

Ground Rules established by Keystone and agreed to by the group:

- Designated sector representatives would be primary speakers, others invited as observers
- Decisions for these calls to be taken as agreed upon if there are no objections heard
- Summary to be drafted by Keystone and circulated for approval

Changes made to Model Charter reviewed, additional clarifications made (see Charter)

1. Clarification: Documents in advance (p. 5)

- The group agreed to the following: “Draft agendas for all meetings and all materials and presentations related to proposed action/decision items, including materials submitted by Work Groups to the SSC, should be distributed two weeks in advance. This requirement may be waived, under extraordinary circumstances, by the consensus of the SSC. All such materials must be distributed no later than one week in advance.”

2. Discussion: Role of SSC vis a vis other entities (p.2). No comments forthcoming.

3. Clarification discussion: References to “8 macroeconomic futures and 3 transmission build-out scenarios”

- The group agreed to make language more specific throughout the Charter, using the above words.

4. Discussion: Term limits (p. 3)

- The edits to the charter concerning term limits were accepted with no objections.

5. Discussion: Alternates (p. 4)

- The edit concerning subsectors was added to be consistent, with no objections.

6. Discussion: Rotating seat

- The group agreed that the language specified in the May 14 document about a rotating seat could be inserted between the Alternates and Leadership sections, with the understanding that it is optional. It was clarified that the rotation is meeting-to-meeting, not within-meeting.

7. Discussion: Work Group language (p. 9)

- The group agreed that it was important to note for each Work Group (to be created by the SSC) that the SSC sectors will designate the members (caucus or other), that a representation of between 1 and 3 people from each sector would be considered

balanced, and that each Work Group could decide its speaking protocols, but that they didn't need to be written into the Charter.

8. Discussion: Chair of SSC

- Several task force members recommend that the SSC select a Chair who is an SSC member. At least one of these task members expressed concern that if a non-SSC member was Chair, that would, in essence, add a vote to one sector. To address concerns about inequality, it was suggested that the role of Chair could either be periodically rotated or be defined clearly and strictly, to avoid inappropriate advocacy of one sector's interests.
- At least one of the task force members recommends that the Chair should be a non-SSC member, in order to select an individual who could best perform these duties and to address concerns about neutrality and equality among the sectors.
- Several members do not recommend that a Chair be selected, because they see no need for one at this point. At least one of these task force members is concerned about vesting power in any one person as chair, since that might result in the elevation of one sector's interests above others.
- It was suggested by DOE that the Task Force could get a short list of nominations, narrow to two, and discuss. DOE conceded that it might be necessary to pay an outside Chair.
- All possibilities (co-chairs, rotating chairs, no chair) remain on the table.
- Keystone in the next couple of days will compose a memo on duties of a possible Chair, consistent with the different opinions that have been voiced, to distribute to this Task Force. Keystone will also get nominations from this Task Force, with the deadline being Aug. 30 for names to be handed in, (and with no certainty that there would *be* a chair).
- David Meyer of DOE clarified that a DOE person should not be in the role of Chair, but could suggest other candidates

9. Next steps

- Future discussion to address:
 - Least-cost or other planning criteria
 - Alternatives to consensus
 - Working relationship between SSC and EISPC
- Keystone will send out a Doodle poll to schedule a next call of one-hour duration between now and Sep 7.
- Keystone will send out another draft of the Charter, the call summary, and the Chair discussion memo.