

Section 3; C. Consensus Recommendations

- CTF Mission and Ground Rules (Revision dated 1/26/2011)
- To the extent that the Task Force reaches a consensus agreement on recommendations regarding the development of a preferred alternative and the NYSERDA and DOE Task Force participants concur with these recommendations, then the NYSERDA and DOE participants will use their best efforts to persuade their respective agencies to adopt the consensus recommendations.

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- CTF Mission and Ground Rules (Revision dated 10/24/2023)
- CTF meetings provide a forum for dialogue with NYSERDA and DOE on those CTF objectives described in Section 1. The Task Force will endeavor to operate by consensus of all members present at the meeting. To the extent that the Task Force reaches consensus on comments/recommendations, the Task Force may provide them to NYSERDA and DOE. The Task Force recognizes that these are recommendations to NYSERDA and DOE, but all final agency decisions from NYSERDA and/or DOE are made in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including compliance with SEQRA and/or NEPA.

The agencies, when participating in a CTF meeting, are not-expressly or impliedly inviting public comment outside of the SEQRA and/or NEPA prescribed statutes and implementing regulations. Any comments shared during a CTF meeting are not considered part of the formal NEPA and/or SEQRA administrative record, rather the Task Force may submit comments/recommendations to NYSERDA and DOE during the SEQRA/NEPA public comment period(s).

Section 1 – Objectives (unchanged)

- Provide a forum for open discussion of related issues by community representatives;
- Identify and understand the various interests of the community and other interested parties;
- Increase the flow of information between DOE, NYSERDA and the Task Force Members (“Members”) (and their constituencies);
- Expand areas of agreement, clarify differences, and explore ways to establish mutually agreed upon recommendations among the Task Force Members;
- Enhance public involvement in the decision-making process; and
- Coordinate with regulators.