



SGIP RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SGAC REPORT

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SGiP SMART GRID
INTEROPERABILITY PANEL

General Recommendations

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Prioritize, streamline, and leverage NIST Smart Grid activities	This is an area of focus for the SGIP as there are many activities that are conducted simultaneously. Going forward in SGIP 2.0, the activities will need to be more focused and streamlined to align with funding.
Need for consistent state regulatory support for Smart Grid standards development	The SGIP continues to engage state and federal regulatory body through its work especially in the Business and Policy Domain Expert Working Group
Need to continue the focus on transparency, roles, and responsibilities	SGIP processes are continuing to evolve to ensure transparency and balance.
Consolidation of cybersecurity activities and research	The Cybersecurity Working Group (CSWG) has been reaching out and collaborating with other federal agencies through joint activities.

Short- to Mid-term Challenges and Recommendations

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Reliability and implementation review of interoperability standards is critical	The SGIP has formed an new working group, the Implementation Methods Working Group, that will review implementation issues. Reliability is still being consider as a potential new work group.
Prioritization of the standards, processes, and forums are necessary for greater utility and state participation	As the SGIP transition from 1.0 to 2.0, activities will be prioritized and could enable more targeted participation by utility and state regulators.

Short- to Mid-term Challenges and Recommendations - Continued

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Urgent need for a communication plan and an education and outreach effort for greater utility and state participation	The Communication Marketing and Education Group is working on a value proposition that would help enhance participation from all stakeholders including utility and state regulators.
Need for regulatory certainty to ensure cost recovery of investments related to Smart Grid deployment	This topic is very important and is being covered by both the Business and Policy Domain Expert Working Group and the Implementation Methods Committee.

Smart Grid Research Activities

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Facilitator of Multi-Stakeholder Smart Grid Research Collaboration	The SGIP is participating in the NIST/RASEI Smart Grid Research Workshop. John McDonald is co-chairing the workshop.
Collaboration with Utilities and Private Sector	As a multi-stakeholder organization, the SGIP will continue to strive to collaborate with all relevant stakeholders including utilities and private sector. The research and development topic has not been greatly covered in SGIP as there is no natural home for it. This may be an area to be review in SGIP 2.0