

Developing Final Proposal for DG 2.0

January 2022- Initial Report Issued to Legislature

Report shall provide basic program structure recommendation including decisions on the following items:

Is this program 100% procurement? Or procurement plus walkup?

Will this program cover both behind the meter and front of the meter projects? (help to clarify item c in the list from Maine Law 130 "Directly serve customer load")

Will this program only cover 2-5 MW sized projects?

February- June 2022- Issue Based Stakeholder Groups Meet

Organized through the larger DG 2.0 Stakeholder Group, meetings will be held to address specific areas in the next program design.

These smaller groups shall be composed of members of the larger stakeholder working group, as well as specific representatives depending on the issue.

Suggest that each group meet at least 4x to provide final recommendations on design criteria for policy focused components of DG 2.0

Equity and Access

- Additional groups should include EJ/low-income advocates, representatives with knowledge of low income fuel assistance and affordable housing
- Discuss possible community ownership models
- Discuss ways to expand access to socially vulnerable groups

Land Use

- Additional representatives include representatives from the Agricultural working group, environmental organizations
- Discuss ways to encourage landfill, brownfield, and ideal greenfield development

Storage

- Provide recommendations on storage siting and storage incentives

Grid Planning

- How to integrate DG deployment with Grid Modernization and Electrification of heating and transportation sectors

Billing and Crediting

- Propose recommendations for way to increase efficiencies in billing and crediting structures in both NEB 1.0 and DG 2.0

Submitted to Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group by Kaitlin Kelly O'Neill, Jessica Robertson, and Sharon Klein – November 18, 2021

June 2022- Economic Analysis

- Hire consultant to do work on value and ratepayer impact related program costs

July 2022

- GEO crafts final straw proposal for 2.0
- DG 2.0 Stakeholder group provides feedback on straw proposal

August - September 2022

- Straw Proposal issued for public comment- at least 30 day comment period
- GEO helps organize 4 public meetings to present final proposal to public

October 2022

- DG 2.0 Stakeholder Working group reviews public comments, make recommendations on final program design

November - December 2022

- Final Program design released
- Final Report to Legislature drafted

January 2023

- Final Report to Legislature issued