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CASE 14-M-0101 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard  
to Reforming the Energy Vision.

JULIA SMEAD BIELAWSKI, Administrative Law Judge:

In May 2014, working groups were convened to address Track One issues in this proceeding. Those groups filed reports on July 8, 2014 and presented their findings to the Commission at a July 10, 2014 technical conference. As recognized in the working group reports and in Staff's August 22, 2014 straw proposal, however, some of the critical issues that parties addressed in the working groups require further stakeholder input. Specifically, continued work is needed in the areas of market design and platform technology to consider and develop Distributed System Platform (DSP) rules and operational procedures. Accordingly, Staff should immediately select, convene and coordinate, with Rocky Mountain Institute and the New York State Smart Grid Consortium, two closely-related groups addressing market design and platform technology. The groups will include in their membership representatives from different sectors of the electric market and industry, to be selected by Staff, and will engage market and technical experts to assist

the work. The end product of these groups should include recommendations on market rules and technical standards. To facilitate the focus needed to accommodate an aggressive work schedule, the groups will be very small in size, but should periodically provide updates of their work to all parties.

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JULIA SMEAD BIELAWSKI