

Zeeland / MPPA Approval Roadmap

Draft with Target Completion Dates and Decision Gates



Stage	Principal Actions / Deliverables	MPPA Action	Zeeland Action	Target Completion	Decision Gate
1. Policy Foundation — IRP	Complete Integrated Resource Plan; establish projected 2030/31 capacity need; identify local dispatchable generation as an implementation pathway.	Incorporate Member resource needs into portfolio planning.	BPW / governing-body approval of IRP resolution.	Completed — 2026	Policy direction established; capacity need and implementation pathway formally recognized.
2. Preliminary Project Recommendation / Member Decision Point #1	Review preliminary technology, vendor, portfolio, economics, Zeeland host project and proposed offtake.	Present preliminary recommendation and advance Member-specific due diligence.	Adopt Resolution Authorizing Continued Due Diligence and Participation in the MPPA Resource Adequacy and Local Generation Development Initiative.	September 2026	Preserve Zeeland's ability to participate and continue due diligence without making a final project commitment.
3. Final Technical & Site Due Diligence	Vendor/site visits; BAFO development; Phase II environmental assessment; air analysis; distribution/system impact studies; interconnection review; BES/NERC review; gas availability and infrastructure requirements; site evaluation.	Coordinate vendor, environmental, engineering, gas and system studies.	Review Zeeland-specific findings; engage consultants; confirm site suitability and local system implications.	Oct. 31, 2026 for principal studies; remaining findings in November recommendation	Is the Zeeland project technically, environmentally and operationally viable?
4. Final Project Economics & Commercial Structure	Update capital cost, operating assumptions, capacity economics, project size, portfolio composition and Zeeland entitlement/offtake.	Develop final project economics and proposed Asset Project structure.	Independent reasonableness review; assess rate, financial and operational implications.	November 2026	Are the project economics and proposed Zeeland participation commercially reasonable?
5. Ownership / Asset Project Structure	Resolve MPPA-owned/project structure; cost allocation; Member entitlement; step-up provisions; host responsibilities; attrition treatment; financing approach.	Recommend preferred ownership and Asset Project structure.	Evaluate structure with legal, financial and operational advisors.	November 2026	Is the proposed ownership and risk-allocation structure acceptable to Zeeland?
6. Member Decision Point #2 — Confirm Project Direction	Present completed due diligence, updated economics, project structure, proposed portfolio and material risks.	Obtain Member direction to proceed toward definitive documentation.	BPW direction confirming continued advancement into final agreement development.	Nov.–Dec. 2026	Authorize advancement from evaluation into final contract and project-document development.
7. Definitive Agreement Development	Draft Operating Agreement, Power Sales Agreement/Contract, Asset Project documents, host/site agreements and related project instruments.	MPPA and counsel prepare project documentation.	Zeeland counsel, staff and advisors review proposed documents.	Substantially complete by Dec. 31, 2026	Are the material commercial and operating terms sufficiently defined to support final review?
8. Legal / Financial / Technical Review	Review authority, cost allocation, liability, default/step-up, term/termination, dispatch, O&M, metering, settlement, financing, host obligations and conditions precedent.	Address Member comments and reconcile project documents.	City/BPW counsel, financial advisors, engineering and staff complete reviews.	Dec. 2026–Jan. 2027	Are Zeeland's legal, financial, technical and operational risks acceptable?
9. Project Documentation Package	Assemble final due-diligence reports, project economics, financing plan, environmental documentation, gas/interconnection information, project schedule and approval documents.	Complete project record for MPPA Board and Member approvals.	Prepare BPW/City governance package.	January 2027	Is the record complete enough for informed final governance action?
10. MPPA Board Approval / Asset Project Authorization	Approve final Asset Project structure, participating Members, financing and project agreements.	MPPA Board of Commissioners approves project.	Zeeland MPPA representative acts consistent with approved authority.	Target: February 2027	MPPA formally authorizes the Asset Project and related commitments.

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11. Member Decision Point #3 — Final Project Participation Approval	Present substantially final project structure and contractual commitments.	Seek Member authorization to enter the Asset Project and definitive agreements.	BPW final project participation approval; City Council approval if required.	Jan.–Feb. 2027	Final Zeeland commitment to participate in the project and assume the associated contractual obligations.
12. Final Contract Negotiation & Execution	Resolve remaining business/legal terms; execute Operating, Power Sales and related agreements.	Execute project agreements.	Authorized Zeeland officials execute approved agreements.	Feb.–Apr. 2027	Definitive agreements executed and contractual commitment becomes effective.
13. PA 341 Capacity Demonstration Documentation	Establish project treatment as a qualifying capacity resource; document entitlement and expected accreditation.	Provide project and capacity documentation.	Incorporate project into Zeeland's PA 341 capacity demonstration.	March 2027 filing target	Project is sufficiently documented to support Zeeland's capacity demonstration filing.
14. Permitting	Submit air permit and other necessary applications; respond to regulatory review.	Coordinate portfolio/project permitting as applicable.	Support local and site-specific permitting.	Application: Dec. 2026–Jan. 2027; regulatory process continues through 2027	Required permits can be obtained on a schedule compatible with commercial operation.
15. Gas Service / Interconnection	Finalize gas requirements; submit service application; negotiate necessary facilities and agreements.	Coordinate project requirements.	Work with local gas utility and engineering consultants.	Application: Dec. 2026–Jan. 2027; implementation continues through 2027	Fuel and interconnection infrastructure can be secured at acceptable cost and timing.
16. Financing	Develop financing strategy, borrowing structure, Member obligations and closing documents.	Lead financing process for MPPA-owned Asset Project.	Review financial exposure, covenants and Member obligations.	Planning: Oct. 2026–Feb. 2027; execution: Feb.–Apr. 2027	Financing structure is executable and acceptable to participating Members.
17. Procurement / Detailed Engineering	Execute equipment/EPC/service agreements; detailed design and construction planning.	Manage procurement and portfolio implementation.	Support Zeeland site, interconnection and local infrastructure work.	Begin following final approvals — 2027	Project is ready for notice to proceed and major procurement commitments.
18. Construction / Commissioning	Site preparation, gas/electric facilities, generation installation, testing and commissioning.	Project management and contract administration.	Host-community coordination and operational readiness.	2027–Fall 2029	Project satisfies construction, testing and acceptance requirements.
19. Commercial Operation	Complete acceptance testing, accreditation, dispatch/settlement setup and O&M transition.	Begin Asset Project operations.	Receive contractual entitlement/capacity benefits.	No later than Fall 2029	Resource enters commercial operation and becomes available for the 2030/31 planning year.

Note: Target dates are planning targets and should be refined as MPPA project documentation and governance sequencing are finalized.