

March 21, 2024

VIA E-MAIL

TO: PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

RE: Initial Notice of April 4, 2024 Participants Committee Meeting

Pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement, initial notice is hereby given that the April 2024 meeting of the Participants Committee will be held **in person on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, located at 5 Avenue of the Arts, Providence, RI** for the purposes set forth on the attached agenda and posted with the meeting materials at nepool.com/meetings/.

For those who otherwise attend NEPOOL meetings but plan to participate in the April 4 meeting virtually, please use the following dial-in information: **866-803-2146; Passcode: 7169224**. To join WebEx, click this [link](#) and enter the event password **nepool**.

Please note that the NEPOOL room block for the night before the April 4 meeting has closed. However, If you are still in need of a room, please contact either Jaki Sloan (jsloan@daypitney.com) or Pat Gerity (pmgerity@daypitney.com) who may be able to assist with your overnight arrangements.

***Looking Ahead -- 2024 NPC Summer Meeting:** The 2024 Participants Committee Summer Meeting will be held on **June 25-27, 2024** (with an opening coffee & dessert reception Monday evening, June 24) at The Omni Mount Washington in Bretton Woods, NH (<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/bretton-woods-mount-washington>). We encourage you to register early. You can make your Omni Mount Washington room reservation(s) through the [Mount Washington Room Booking Link](#), via the NEPOOL [2024 Summer Meeting webpage](#), or by contacting the Omni Mount Washington (603-278-8406) and identifying yourself as part of NEPOOL. The NEPOOL group discounted room rate is **\$299** per room, per night (single/double occupancy). The negotiated rate is only available through **June 7**, after which rooms will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Omni Mount Washington's rate available at that time. We kindly ask that all attendees please complete the 2024 NPC Summer Meeting [Registration form](#) available on the [NEPOOL Summer Meeting website](#). We will provide and post on that page additional information related to the NPC Summer Meeting as it becomes available.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

Sebastian Lombardi, Secretary

INITIAL AGENDA

1. To approve the draft minutes of the March 7, 2024 Participants Committee meeting. Please provide us with any comments on the draft minutes included and posted with this initial notice no later than ***noon, Thursday, March 28, 2024.***
2. [There is no Consent Agenda for this meeting].
3. To receive an ISO Chief Executive Officer report. The April CEO report will be circulated and posted in advance of the meeting.
4. To receive an ISO Chief Operating Officer report. The April COO report will be circulated and posted in advance of the meeting.
5. To receive an ISO update on the 2024 Annual Work Plan. Materials regarding the updated 2024 Annual Work Plan are included and posted with this initial notice.
6. To consider and take action, as appropriate, on changes to Market Rule 1 to further delay FCA19 by an additional two years. Background materials and a draft resolution will be included and posted with the supplemental notice.
7. To consider and take action, as appropriate, on Tariff changes to incorporate a process to move policy-related transmission investments forward and allocate the costs (Extended-Term/Longer-Term Transmission Planning Phase 2 Changes), including:
 - a. Revisions to Tariff Section I.2.2 (Definitions), OATT Schedules 12 (Transmission Cost Allocation), 12C (Determination of Localized Costs), and Attachments K (RSP Process), N (Procedures for RSP Upgrades), O (Non-incumbent Transmission Developer Operating Agreement), and P (Selected QTPS Agreement), to be considered by the Transmission Committee at its March 27, 2024 meeting; and
 - b. Revisions to Market Rule 1 Section III.12.6.4 (Transmission Solutions Selected Through the Competitive Transmission Process), as recommended by the Reliability Committee at its March 19, 2024 meeting.

Background materials and draft resolutions will be included and posted with the supplemental notice.

Protocols. The NEPOOL general business portions and plenary sessions of the meeting will be recorded, as are all the NEPOOL Participants Committee meetings. NEPOOL meetings, while not public, are open to all NEPOOL Participants, their authorized representatives and, except as otherwise limited for discussions in executive session, consumer advocates that are not members, federal and state officials and guests whose attendance has been cleared with the Committee Chair. All those participating in this meeting must identify themselves and their affiliation at the meeting. Official records and minutes of meetings are posted publicly. No statements made in NEPOOL meetings are to be quoted or published publicly.

COVID-19 Considerations. To safeguard the well-being of yourself and others, please refrain from attending a NEPOOL meeting in person if you have confirmed that you have COVID-19. If you [suspect that you might have COVID-19](#), or if you have been exposed to COVID-19, please take the [precautions](#) recommended by the CDC. In any case, all are encouraged to be respectful of others' personal space, and to respect individual choices with respect to wearing or not wearing masks.

8. To consider and take action, as appropriate, on changes to the Second Restated NEPOOL Agreement to revise the allocation of any unused Provisional Member Group Seat Voting Share (to all six, rather than to five, Sectors). Background materials and a draft resolution will be included and posted with the supplemental notice.
9. To receive a report on current contested matters before the FERC and the Federal Courts. The litigation report will be circulated and posted in advance of the meeting.
10. To receive reports from Committees, Subcommittees and other working groups:
 - Markets Committee
 - Reliability Committee
 - Transmission Committee
 - Budget & Finance Subcommittee
 - Membership Subcommittee
 - Others
11. Administrative matters.
12. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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PRELIMINARY

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the NEPOOL Participants Committee was held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA. A quorum, determined in accordance with the Second Restated NEPOOL Agreement, was present and acting throughout the meeting. Attachment 1 identifies the members, alternates and temporary alternates who participated in the meeting, either in person or by telephone.

Committee Chair, Sarah Bresolin, presided, and Mr. Sebastian Lombardi, Secretary, recorded. The Chair welcomed the members, alternates and invited guests who were present.

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Continuing efforts begun at the previous meeting to provide information regarding the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) process, Ms. Bresolin invited Ms. Cheryl LaFleur, Chair of the ISO New England Board of Directors, to provide additional context on, and to introduce the two incumbent Board members eligible for re-election who had not yet addressed the Committee as part of, the 2024 selection process (Ms. Caren Anders and Mr. Steve Corneli).

Ms. LaFleur, referencing materials circulated in advance of the meeting, reviewed the 2024 JNC process as well as the goals and factors that had been identified as central to a successful directorship. She emphasized being comfortable in a dynamic environment and possessing a wide range of critical skills and experience. Ms. LaFleur noted that each of the incumbents eligible for re-election possessed the skills and expertise that lined up with the JNC's critical skills matrix and the Participants Agreement requirements. She suggested that their capabilities would serve New England well as it faced major changes to its markets and transmission system, as well as other potential significant developments, in the coming years.

She pointed out that, both in 2024 and 2025, three incumbent directors would be eligible for re-election, with none hitting their term limit and no expected vacancies. She noted that in benchmarking against Standard and Poor's (S&P) 500 companies, ISO Board members typically serve, on average, the same amount of time (nine years) as board members on S&P companies' boards. Ultimately, the ISO Board's Nominating and Governance Committee supported each of the three incumbents for re-election this year because of the critical skills and experience they bring to the ISO Board and a desire for continuity as the region faces complex challenges and undertakes major projects in the future.

Ms. LaFleur then turned to specific thoughts on each of the nominees who would be addressing the Committee at this meeting. Starting with Ms. Anders, she summarized Ms. Anders' work as the Chair of the ISO Board's System Planning and Reliability Committee (SPARC), and her membership in the Compensation and HR Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. Given her strong background in transmission planning and varied work experience, Ms. LaFleur noted that Ms. Anders has been a thoughtful, engaging director with good judgment and common sense. Ms. LaFleur also stated that Ms. Anders voluntarily pursued and obtained a certificate from the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Next, Ms. LaFleur turned to Mr. Corneli. She summarized his relevant experience and work on the Board's Audit and Finance, IT/Cyber Security, and Markets Committees. Ms. LaFleur noted Mr. Corneli's deep understanding of energy markets, in general, and the ISO-NE markets, in particular, as especially valuable to the ISO Board due to recent and potential upcoming changes to the region's wholesale markets. In light of the development and implementation of the Next Generation Markets (nGem) Real-Time Market Clearing Engine, Ms. LaFleur observed that Mr. Corneli's IT/Cyber Security Committee work paired well with his

work on the Board's Markets Committee. Moreover, Ms. LaFleur commented that Mr. Corneli's previous experience and insight as a consumer advocate had been invaluable to the ISO Board. Concluding her introductory remarks, Ms. LaFleur reiterated the ISO Board's strong recommendation that all three nominees (Ms. Anders, Mr. Corneli and Mr. Mike Curran) be re-elected for an additional three-year term.

Ms. Anders then summarized her prior work experience, her service as the Chair of the Board's SPARC, and assignments to the Nominating and Governance Committee and Compensation and HR Committee. In response to a question from a member, Ms. Anders reviewed the process she employs as a director to review ISO-initiated ideas and offer feedback, as well as the level of interaction she has with the ISO's leadership team.

Mr. Corneli followed by summarizing his prior experiences as a consumer advocate, his involvement in federal energy policy development, and his work in the private sector. Mr. Corneli then identified the following critical challenges that he perceived as facing the ISO: (1) improving the tools that observe, monitor, and operate the power system, whose resource mix was changing; (2) identifying and improving reliability plans under a new resource mix; (3) adapting the wholesale markets to ensure that resources needed to meet the evolving reliability requirements are better identified and compensated; (4) providing greater transparency to Market Participants and to the States; (5) working closely with the States and stakeholders to understand jurisdictional issues; (6) anticipating and proactively addressing cyber security threats; and (7) attracting and retaining personnel to work on these challenges. He explained how his experience lends itself to helping the ISO Board confront those challenges. Mr. Corneli also summarized his Board Committee work.

Ms. Anders and Mr. Corneli then responded to members' questions. When asked how his service as an ISO Board member over the past three years may have changed or influenced his industry perspective, Mr. Corneli highlighted his surprise at just how much the stakeholder process had evolved since the early 2000s, noting in particular the increased collaboration and consensus building within the region, as well as the increased complexity required to address regional issues. Responding to a separate inquiry concerning how increased public focus and desire for information might be being addressed in Board discussions, Ms. Anders answered that the ISO Board reviews and offers guidance on the ISO's communication plans (including outreach and education) and strategy. She explained that the Board stays abreast of and listens to the issues raised that affect the region, stressing the importance of communicating on those issues that are within the ISO's purview and technical expertise. Mr. Corneli remarked that the ISO is working diligently to provide more information and analysis to regional stakeholders, including the general public, concerning issues related to the clean energy transition and added that the ISO Board supports and encourages ISO-NE management to think through the challenges and identify and make known feasible solution spaces.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The Chair referred the Committee to the preliminary minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting, as circulated and posted in advance of the meeting. Following motion duly made and seconded, the preliminary minutes of that meeting were unanimously approved as circulated, with an abstention by Mr. Jon Lamson noted.

ISO CEO REPORT

Mr. Gordon van Welie, ISO Chief Executive Officer (CEO), referred the Committee to the summary of ISO New England Board and Board Committee meetings that had occurred since the December Annual Meeting, which had been circulated and posted in advance of this meeting. There were no questions or comments on the summaries.

In response to requests received prior to the meeting, Mr. van Welie provided some context for a paper, entitled “*Strategies for Enhanced Gas-Electric Coordination: A Blueprint for National Progress*” (Position Paper), that had been jointly published on February 20, 2024 by ISO-NE, MISO, PJM, and SPP (Multi-State RTOs). He explained that gas-electric coordination had become an issue of national concern. Prompted by NAESB’s “*Gas Electric Harmonization Forum Report*”, and focused attention by FERC Chairman Phillips and NERC CEO Jim Robb, the ISO/RTO Council (IRC), and ultimately the Multi-State RTOs, thought the time was ripe to identify issues and to suggest potential initiatives that state and federal regulators, working together with regional stakeholders, could pursue to achieve the goal of enhancing the coordination efforts among the gas and electric industries. Mr. van Welie explained that the initial target audience of the RTOs’ Position Paper was the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and was released just a few days before NARUC’s 2024 Winter Policy Summit. He further opined that action by Congress, and also by state regulatory commissions, would very likely be required to make significant progress in this area.

ISO COO REPORT

Operations Highlights

Dr. Chadalavada referred the Committee to his March operations report, which had been circulated and posted in advance of the meeting. Dr. Chadalavada noted that the data in the

report was through February 28, 2024, unless otherwise noted. He thanked with some wonder a member who had identified that the comparison of 2023 to 2024 Day-Ahead to Real-Time Location Marginal Prices (LMP) had initially included data for the extra day (February 29) in 2024, and had been revised to remove the inclusion of that day's data and the table subsequently re-circulated and re-posted. The March report highlighted: (i) that the Peak Hour for February, or 17,199 MW of Revenue Quality Metered Data (including settlement-only generation), occurred on February 14, 2024 during the hour ending at 7:00 pm; (ii) February averages for Day-Ahead Hub LMP (\$36.91/MWh), Real-Time Hub LMP (\$31.75/MWh), and natural gas prices (\$3.52/MMBtu); (iii) Energy Market value was \$364 million down from \$750 million in February 2023; (iv) Ancillary Markets value (\$6.1 million) was down from January 2023 (\$6.8 million); (v) average Day-Ahead cleared physical energy during peak hours as a percentage of forecasted load was 98.9% during February (down from 101.7% reported for January, 2024); (vi) Daily Net Commitment Period Compensation (NCPC) payments for February totaled \$1.4 million, and was comprised of \$1.4 million in first contingency payments (down \$1.9 million from January 2024) and included Dispatch Lost Opportunity Costs (\$251,000), Rapid Response Pricing Opportunity Costs (\$160,000), Day-Ahead External Transaction NCPC (\$147,000) and distribution payments of \$4,000. There were no second contingency or voltage NCPC payments in February; and (vii) Forward Capacity Market (FCM) value was \$86.5 million. The FCM peak for 2024 remained to that point 17,993/MWh (having occurred on January 17 during the hour ending 6:00 p.m.).

Turning to slides addressing the projected April 8, 2024 solar eclipse, he provided additional detail to supplement information provided at the February meeting, including an expected reduction of 365 MW of commercial and 3,186 MW of behind-the-meter (BTM) solar

generation during the eclipse maximum (roughly 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT)), and an expected rebound of approximately 2,600 MW from both categories of solar generation in the hour following Totality End (roughly 4:40 p.m. EDT). For reference, Dr. Chadalavada said that, had the eclipse been expected to occur just a few weeks prior to April 8, over 5 GW of solar would have been impacted. He reported that peak BTM solar production for Winter 2023/24 was 5,027 MW (having occurred on February 22 during the hour ending 12:00 p.m.); the all-time BTM Solar peak was 5,200 MW, established in May 2023.

Dr. Chadalavada noted that the ISO would rely on the rest of the fleet during the eclipse to provide ramping capability to make up for the projected reductions in solar generation, and expected that need to be reflected and solved through Day-Ahead Energy Market activity. He again urged Participants to be prepared for the upcoming eclipse day.

Addressing upcoming planned transmission outages, Dr. Chadalavada noted two -- one in Quebec and one in New England. In Quebec, a transformer outage at Nicolet station would run from March 8 through April 1, 2024, and was expected for the duration of the outage to reduce transfer capability in both directions on the Phase II interface -- to 1,800 MW for imports and to 0 MW for exports. In New England, planned outages on Line 312 (Berkshire-Northfield) for March 27-28, all of April, and through the first 10 days in May, were expected to limit transfer capability from New York to New England to 1,100 MW during that outage period (transfer capability from New England to New York would not be impacted).

Winter 2023/24 Review

Dr. Chadalavada then turned to and summarized the Winter 2023/24 Review presentation circulated and posted with the meeting materials. He noted that Winter 2023/24 was mild, and that the System operated reliably. Temperatures, consistent with predictions by the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), were 5°F above normal (with ‘normal’ for NOAA reporting purposes reflecting a 30-year average and for ISO purposes reflecting experience over the last five to seven years). Just one week, January 15-22, had been notably (5°F) below normal, with January 20, at 11°F below normal, the coldest day of the season. January 20 was also the only Inventoried Energy Program (IEP) Day. New England experienced above normal precipitation (5.7” overall), with Hartford setting a new winter precipitation record (7.8”). Snowfall amounts were below normal, with Boston and Hartford 28.4” and 15.1” below normal, respectively.

He reported that the region experienced a fairly large decline in total winter energy demand (approximately 29.7 terrawatt hours (TWh), and 1.8 TWh below average winter energy demand since 2010), attributable to the mild weather and contributions of BTM solar generation. Fuel oil inventories were adequate and ended slightly higher than starting inventories. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sendout to the pipelines, largely from St. John, was approximately 11.1 billion cubic feet (Bcf) (up approximately 4.2 Bcf from the Winter 2022/23), but was still the second lowest sendout since Winter 2008/09. There had been no reductions in any fuel source. Both December and February experienced the lowest loads for their respective months since Standard Market Design (SMD) was implemented in 2023.

Looking ahead, Dr. Chadalavada reported that the ISO planned to assess the region’s winter energy shortfall risk in advance of Winter 2024/2025 using the Probabilistic Energy Adequacy Tool (PEAT). The Regional Energy Shortfall Threshold (REST) remained under development and was not expected to be finalized prior to the start of Winter 2024/25. He highlighted that winter weather forecasts continued to be a critical factor for the operational

outlook and would be closely monitored. The ISO planned to continue communications similar to previous winters with the states, utilities, resource owners, and the general public.

In response to questions, Dr. Chadalavada confirmed that there would be input changes to PEAT, both on the supply and demand side. In addition, the ISO planned to seek in the May/June timeframe stakeholder input on the frequency of, and period to which, REST would apply. He confirmed that, with only one IEP Day triggered during the Winter 2023-24 period, it would be difficult to evaluate the benefits of that program and said that the ISO would wait to conduct a further evaluation until after Winter 2024/25. In response to members' opinions on the factors upon which to base such an evaluation, Dr. Chadalavada highlighted the multiple parameters -- reliability (REST metric), cost, environmental concerns, and performance/efficiency of the markets -- to be balanced as part of that evaluation.

FERC ORDER 2023 REVISIONS

Ms. Emily Laine, Transmission Committee (TC) Chair, referred the Committee to the materials circulated in advance of the meeting regarding proposed revisions to the Tariff in response to the requirements of FERC Order 2023 (Order 2023 Revisions). She explained that the Order 2023 Revisions included significant reforms to the Tariff's generator interconnection procedures, shifting from a serial, first-come, first-served study process to a first-ready, first-served cluster study process, along with reforms to increase the speed of interconnection queue processing and incorporate technological advancements into the interconnection process. She stated that the Order 2023 Revisions were considered within the NEPOOL process in two parts -- one part, the majority of the Revisions subject to the purview of and voted by the TC (the OATT Revisions) and the other part, Revisions subject to the purview of and voted by the Markets Committee (MC) (the Market Rule Revisions).

Ms. Laine reviewed the history of the TC's and MC's review of the Revisions, including the six amendments (of over 26 Participant-proposed amendments/modifications introduced and discussed during the process) to the OATT Revisions that had been voted at the Transmission Committee (the Participant Amendments), none of which had garnered sufficient support to be recommended for Participants Committee support, and the Market Rule Revisions that had been recommended for Participants Committee support by the MC. She reported that, since the Technical Committees' votes on the Order 2023 Revisions, the ISO had engaged in further discussion on and consideration of the Participant Amendments, and had incorporated incremental changes to the package of Order 2023 Revisions proposed for Participants Committee action at this meeting. Ms. Laine explained that the incremental changes could be incorporated without adding to the overall timeframes or decreasing the efficiency of the new process. She identified the changes that had been incorporated, as described in the ISO's memo, and highlighted in the package of Tariff revisions, included with the meeting materials.

In response to clarifying questions, Ms. Laine confirmed that a Participant proposal to establish an interconnection reforms working group was not reflected in, and would not be offered as an amendment to, the Order 2023 Revisions being presented. However, the ISO had worked further with the Participant proponent after the last TC meeting and had committed to further stakeholder engagement on the issues and to reflect that commitment in the Order 2023 Revisions filing letter to be submitted with the FERC.

Following an explanation by Mr. Lombardi of the forms of resolution provided with the meeting materials and the voting thresholds required to approve those resolutions, including a process recommendation given the developments following the Technical Committees' actions,

the following motions were, without objection, together duly made and seconded for action by a single vote:

RESOLVED, that the Participants Committee supports the Order 2023 OATT Revisions, as proposed by the ISO, and as reflected in the materials distributed to the Participants Committee in advance of this meeting, together with such non-substantive changes as may be approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Transmission Committee.

RESOLVED, that the Participants Committee supports the Order 2023 Market Rule Revisions, as recommended by the Markets Committee, and as reflected in the materials distributed to the Participants Committee in advance of this meeting, together with such non-substantive changes as may be approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Markets Committee.

In comments, Participant and State representatives alike widely recognized with much appreciation and compliment the ISO's engagement, collaboration and compromise throughout the process, particularly the efforts and changes made following the votes at the TC. Participants specifically thanked the ISO's transmission, Participant Support and legal teams, not only for their responsiveness to Participant feedback and willingness to consider changes beyond those directly responsive to Order 2023, but also for their work synthesizing and proposing the required Tariff changes, as well as for facilitating streamlined consideration of the Order 2023 Revisions, particularly at this meeting. Overall, many opined that the collaborative process had culminated in a much improved compliance package.

Many of those who did not vote to recommend Participants Committee support at the TC explained the reasons why they now planned to support the package of Order 2023 Revisions. Proponents of some of the TC amendments explained that their support reflected the ISO's willingness to adopt/incorporate all or elements of the Participant proposals and its commitment to engage with stakeholders on future reforms to interconnection processes. Some were of the

view that, while the Order 2023 Revisions reflect important changes to the status quo, more work remained. Those members encouraged the ISO, as well as Participants and the States, to be on the lookout for additional potential improvements and expressed that they looked forward to continued engagement on these issues.

Transmission Owner representatives, who similarly expressed their support for the Revisions, particularly those amendments that the ISO had agreed to after the TC meeting, noted for the record that their support was subject to the outcome of their pending requests for rehearing of Order 2023 and appeals to the District Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit related to the elimination of the “reasonable efforts” standard, which if reinstated, would presumably be addressed in subsequent Tariff changes.

On behalf of the ISO, Mr. Al McBride, Executive Director, Transmission Services & Resource Qualification, thanked Participants for their hard work and collaboration on the Order 2023 Revisions, and looked forward both to implementation and to ongoing partnership and cooperation on interconnection issues.

Without further discussion, the motions were unanimously approved, with abstentions by Harvard, Tenaska and Mr. Lamson’s representative recorded.

LITIGATION REPORT

Mr. Lombardi referred the Committee to the March 6, 2024 Litigation Report that had been circulated and posted before the meeting. He noted the link to the Multiple RTOs’ Position Paper, discussed during the CEO Report, available in Section X of Litigation Report’s Executive Summary. He highlighted that comments on the ISO’s FCA18 Results Filing were due on or before April 8, 2024. Finally, he identified the three persons that the White House had recently announced as its nominees for FERC Commissioner (Judy Chang, David Rosner and Lindsay

See), and committed to keep the Committee apprised of the progress on those nominations. He urged members to reach out to NEPOOL Counsel with any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Markets Committee. Ms. Mariah Winkler, the MC Chair, reported that the next MC meeting was scheduled for March 12-13 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Milford, MA. She reported that the MC was scheduled to act on Market Rule 1 revisions to further delay FCA19 by an additional two years, to consider further the Resource Capacity Accreditation (RCA) project and to discuss conforming Market Rule 1 changes associated with the Day-Ahead Ancillary Services Initiative (DASI). On behalf of the Participants, Ms. Bresolin thanked Ms. Winkler for her more than four years' service as MC Chair and looked forward to working Ms. Winkler as she moved into her role as Director of NEPOOL Relations.

Reliability Committee. Mr. Robert Stein, the RC Vice-Chair, reported that the next RC meeting was scheduled for March 19 at the Doubletree in Milford, MA, and would include a vote on conforming changes to the Tariff associated with Phase 2 of the extended-term/longer-term transmission planning project, a report on the results of FCA18, a discussion on Order 2023-related conforming changes to Planning Procedures (PP) 5-6 and PP-10, and continued consideration of the RCA project, with a focus on its impact on the Resource Adequacy Assessment (RAA) process. Mr. Stein thanked Ms. Emily Laine, RC Chair, for her efficiency and support as RC Chair, and wished her well as she moves over to become the MC Chair.

Transmission Committee. Mr. Dave Burnham, the TC Vice-Chair, reported that the next TC meeting was scheduled for March 27 at the Courtyard Hotel in Marlborough, MA. Key items would include voting on a set of Tariff changes to implement the Phase 2 extended-term/longer-term transmission planning project. He highlighted a planned March 26 webinar

being provided by the ISO to inform stakeholders on the impact of the Order 2023 Revisions on Affected System Operator (ASO) Studies. Last, Mr. Burnham echoed the sentiments of Mr. Stein, and wished Ms. Laine well as she moves over to chair the MC.

Budget & Finance Subcommittee (B&F). Mr. Thomas Kaslow, B&F Chair, reported that the next B&F meeting was scheduled to meet by teleconference on March 26, 2024. Key discussion items would include three Financial Assurance (FA) Policy-related topics – Pay-for-Performance (PFP) delivery FA, DASI market impacts on FA, and FCA19 delay impacts on FA.

Membership Subcommittee. Mr. Bradley Swalwell, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the next Membership Subcommittee meeting was scheduled to be held the following Monday, March 11, by Zoom.

NPCC NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Phil Fedora, NPCC Vice President, Reliability Services and Chief Engineer, provided an update on the northeastern regional gas infrastructure study launched by NPCC to evaluate fuel supply to the NPCC region's electric generation (Gas Study). For background, he explained that the Gas Study would consider the gas supply and pipeline constraints that may occur during extreme and protracted winter weather events during the winter peak heating season. A Steering Committee, comprised initially of representatives of NERC, the Northeast Gas Association, New York ISO, and ISO New England, would support evaluation of the modeling and simulations to be run, as well as the identification of risks associated with the ability of the natural gas system to serve gas-fired generation for the winter peak heating season, and ways to mitigate those risks going forward.

Mr. Fedora further reported that NPCC had licensed Gregg Engineering's Pipeline Hydraulic Simulation software, including Gregg's WinFlow model (a steady state daily

simulation tool) and WinTran model (an hourly, transient simulation tool), which he compared to electric system load flow trends and stabilities software, to help build the integrated gas-electric infrastructure model. Non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) with pipelines and local distribution companies had just been finalized and efforts were underway to build, initialize and run the simulations. With contingencies and sensitivities developed with the help of the Steering Committee, results would be reviewed and finalized for near term (2024-2025), mid-term (2027-2028), and long term (2032-33) winter peak (December through February) heating seasons.

Mr. Fedora stated that NPCC had selected Levitan & Associates, Inc. to conduct the analysis. Plans called for the Gas Study to be completed by the end December, 2024. He committed to provide periodic reports to NEPOOL when and as requested. He emphasized that the bonus value of the Gas Study would be the development of the integrated gas-electric infrastructure model, which would be useful in providing simulations moving forward.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mr. George Twigg, NECPUC Executive Director, announced that registration for NECPUC's 2024 Annual Symposium, to be held May 19-21 at the Omni Mount Washington in Bretton Woods, NH, would open soon. He encouraged all those interested to register early. He also reported that the NECPUC working group focusing on retail demand response and load flexibility, which he had described at the February meeting, held its first meeting a few weeks earlier and would be meeting over the course of the next year to help explore what further potential might be extracted from demand-side resources to help address winter resource adequacy and peak demand growth. He thanked the ISO for its support and encouraged all those interested in the working group efforts to reach out to him directly to receive alerts on further working group meetings and efforts.

Looking ahead, Mr. Lombardi informed the Committee that the Participants Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting would be held April 4 in person at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel. Looking further ahead, he advised members that information about the 2024 Summer Meeting, which was scheduled for June 25-27 at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, would be provided soon. He encouraged members to register and make arrangements early, and strongly encouraged members to bring their families and significant others, whose presence enhanced the value and significance of the annual summer meeting.

FEEDBACK ON ISO BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

There being no other general business, after non-Participant representatives left the room and WebEx, the Committee went into executive session to afford Participants an opportunity to provide feedback confidentially on the three incumbent ISO Board Directors whose terms were scheduled to expire later this year, and had each been recommended by the ISO for an additional three-year term. Committee members provided that confidential feedback, and were encouraged to reach out to their Sector JNC representative with any remaining feedback. Committee members also provided feedback on the Board member selection process more generally, including expressions of a long-standing preference by some to move to individual votes on candidates, rather than voting by slate. Prior to concluding the executive session, Ms. Bresolin noted the proposed schedule for consideration and action on the recommended slate of candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sebastian Lombardi, Secretary

PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
PARTICIPATING IN MARCH 7, 2024 MEETING

PARTICIPANT NAME	SECTOR/ GROUP	MEMBER NAME	ALTERNATE NAME	PROXY
Acadia Center	End User			Abby Krich (tel)
Advanced Energy United	Associate Non-Voting		Alex Lawton	
Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
AVANGRID: CMP/UI	Transmission	Alan Trotta	Jason Rauch	Zach Teti (tel)
Avangrid Renewables	Transmission	Kevin Kilgallen (tel)		
Bath Iron Works Corporation	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Belmont Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Block Island Utility District	Publicly Owned Entity	Dave Cavanaugh		
BlueWave Public Benefit Corp.	AR-DG	Mike Berlinski (tel)		
Boylston Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
BP Energy Company (BP)	Supplier			José Rotger
Braintree Electric Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing	Supplier	Aleks Mitreski		
Castleton Commodities Merchant Trading	Supplier			Bob Stein
Chester Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
CLEAResult Consulting, Inc.	AR-DG	Tamera Oldfield (tel)		
Clearway Power Marketing LLC	Supplier			Pete Fuller
Concord Municipal Light Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Coop. (CMEEC)	Publicly Owned Entity	Brian Forshaw (tel)		
Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel (CT OCC)	End User		Jamie Talbert-Slagle	Jackie Litynski
Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)	End User	Phelps Turner (tel)		
Constellation Energy Generation	Supplier	Gretchen Fuhr (tel)		
Covanta Energy Marketing NA, Inc.	AR-RG			Josh Ghosh (tel)
CPV Towantic, LLC (CPV)	Generation	Joel Gordon		
Cross-Sound Cable Company (CSC)	Supplier		José Rotger	
Danvers Electric Division	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
DTE Energy Trading, Inc. (DTE)	Supplier			José Rotger
Durgin and Crowell Lumber Co., Inc.	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC	Supplier	Ryan McCarthy		
ECP Companies Calpine Energy Services, LP (Calpine) New Leaf Energy	Generation	Andy Gillespie Liz Delaney	Brett Kruse (tel)	Alex Chaplin
Elektrisola, Inc.	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Enel X North America Inc.	AR-LR			Alex Chaplin
ENGIE Energy Marketing NA, Inc.	AR-RG	Sarah Bresolin		
Eversource Energy	Transmission	James Daly	Dave Burnham	Vandan Divatia
FirstLight Power Management, LLC	Generation	Tom Kaslow		
Galt Power, Inc. (Galt)	Supplier	José Rotger		
Garland Manufacturing Company	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Generation Bridge Companies	Generation			Dan Allegretti
Generation Group Member	Generation	Dennis Duffy (tel)	Abby Krich (tel)	
Georgetown Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Granite Shore Companies	Generation			Bob Stein
Groton Electric Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy

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PARTICIPANT NAME	SECTOR/ GROUP	MEMBER NAME	ALTERNATE NAME	PROXY
Groveland Electric Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. (HQ US)	AR-RG	Louis Guibault (tel)	Bob Stein	
Hammond Lumber Company	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Hanover, NH	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Harvard Dedicated Energy Limited (Harvard)	End User			Jackie Litynski
High Liner Foods (USA) Incorporated	End User		William P. Short III (tel)	
Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Holden Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Holyoke Gas & Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Hull Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Icetek Energy Services, Inc. (Icetek)	AR-LR	Doug Hurley		
Ipswich Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Jericho Power LLC (Jericho)	AR-RG	Ben Griffiths		
Jupiter Power	AR-RG		Ron Carrier (tel)	Jenny Liu
KCE Companies	AR-DG			Pete Fuller
Lamson, Jon	End User			John Cropley (tel)
Littleton (MA) Electric Light and Water Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Littleton (NH) Water & Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Craig Kienny (tel)	
Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)	Supplier	Bill Kilgoar		
Maine Power LLC	Supplier	Jeff Jones (tel)		
Maine Public Advocate's Office (Maine OPA)	End User			Jackie Litynski; Chelsea Mattioda
Mansfield Municipal Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Marble River, LLC	Supplier		John Brodbeck (tel)	Abby Krich (tel)
Marblehead Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Mass. Attorney General's Office (MA AG)	End User	Jacquelyn Bihle		Jamie Donovan
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Mass. Climate Action Network	End User			Abby Krich (tel)
Mass. Department of Capital Asset Management	End User		Paul Lopes (tel)	
Mass. Municipal Wholesale Electric Company	Publicly Owned Entity	Matt Ide	Dan Murphy	
Mercuria Energy America, LLC	Supplier			José Rotger
Merrimac Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Middleborough Gas & Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Middleton Municipal Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Moore Company	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Narragansett Electric Co. (d/b/a RI Energy)	Transmission	Brian Thomson	Lindsay Orphanides (tel)	
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	End User	Claire Lang-Ree (tel)		
Nautilus Power, LLC	Generation			Dan Allegretti
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	Publicly Owned Entity			Brian Forshaw (tel)
New Hampshire Office of Consumer Advocate (NHOCA)	End User	Matthew Fossum		
New England Power (d/b/a National Grid)	Transmission	Tim Brennan	Tim Martin	
New England Power Generators Assoc. (NEPGA)	Associate Non-Voting	Bruce Anderson	Dan Dolan	Molly Connors (tel)
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC	Generation	Michelle Gardner		
North Attleborough Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Norwood Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
NRG Business Marketing, LLC	Supplier		Pete Fuller	
Nylon Corporation of America	End User			Bill Short (tel)

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Oxford Energy Center	Provisional Member	Compton Donoghue (tel)		
Pascoag Utility District	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Pawtucket Power Holding Company LLC	Generation	Dan Allegretti		
Paxton Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Peabody Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
PowerOptions, Inc.	End User			Jackie Litynski
Princeton Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity	Matt Ide		
Reading Municipal Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
RI Division (DPUC)	End User	Paul Roberti		
Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Russell Municipal Light Dept.	Publicly Owned Entity	Matt Ide		
Saint Anselm	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.	Supplier	Jeff Dannels		
Shipyards Brewing LLC	End User			Bill Short (tel)
Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Operations	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Sierra Club	End User	Casey Roberts (tel)		
South Hadley Electric Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Sterling Municipal Electric Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Stowe Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Sunrun Inc.	AR-DG			Pete Fuller
SYSO Inc.	AR-DG			Alex Chaplin
Tangent Energy Inc.	AR-LR	Brad Swalwell		
Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Templeton Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity	Matt Ide		Dan Murphy
Tenaska Power Services Co. (Tenaska)	Supplier		Eric Stallings (tel)	
The Energy Consortium	End User		Mary Smith (tel)	Alex Chaplin
Union of Concerned Scientists	End User		Francis Pullaro (tel)	
Vermont Electric Cooperative	Publicly Owned Entity	Craig Kieney (tel)		
Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO)	Transmission	Frank Ettori		
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation	AR-LR		Jackie Litynski	
Vermont Public Power Supply Authority	Publicly Owned Entity			Brian Forshaw (tel)
Village of Hyde Park (VT) Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity	Dave Cavanaugh		
Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Walden Renewables Development LLC	Generation			Abby Krich (tel)
Wallingford DPU Electric Division	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Wellesley Municipal Light Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
West Boylston Municipal Lighting Plant	Publicly Owned Entity		Matt Ide	Dan Murphy
Westfield Gas & Electric Department	Publicly Owned Entity		Dave Cavanaugh	
Wheelabrator North Andover Inc.	AR-RG			Dan Allegretti
ZTECH, LLC	End User			Bill Short (tel)



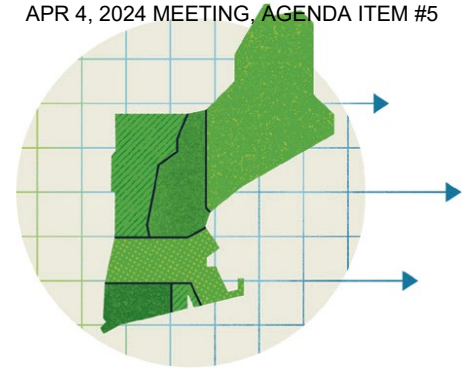
Updated 2024 Annual Work Plan

Vamsi Chadalavada

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



Objectives and Highlights



- This report reflects updates to the *2024 Annual Work Plan (2024 AWP)* since its publication in October 2023
 - The Update demonstrates the coordinated efforts by the ISO and stakeholders in adjusting schedules, resources, and priorities to accomplish projects of great significance to the region
- Potential impacts to this year's work plan may stem from FERC's Order on the further two-year FCA 19 delay in June and FERC's final rule on NOPR RM21-17 (*Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection*) anticipated this spring
 - Also of note are the ISO's staffing challenges, having recently lost multiple members of teams working on key markets initiatives and the hiring of more entry-level staff
- Stakeholders can submit new requests for the ISO's 2025 AWP through the NEPOOL priorities process, which kicked off in March 2024
 - Over the following months, the requests are discussed, narrowed, and a final list is chosen for incorporation into the 2025 plan
 - The AWP focuses on larger initiatives and also does not represent the ISO's full workload, including project implementation work or the extensive day-to-day operations related to running the grid, the markets, and its organization

Anchor Projects on Track



- **Extended/Longer-Term Transmission Planning Phase 2:** Stakeholder discussions are now concluding from 2023; a FERC filing is expected in Q2 2024, with a Q3 effective date
- **Energy Adequacy Threshold Determination:** The ISO reported results from the Probabilistic Energy Adequacy Tool (PEAT) in 2023; stakeholder discussions to continue in Q2 2024 on establishing a Regional Energy Shortfall Threshold (REST), with a proposal presented by end of year
 - Analysis of scope, timing, and feasibility of regional solutions to maintain/achieve a REST would follow in 2025 as needed
- **Day-Ahead Ancillary Services Initiative (DASI) Implementation:** Development of software and implementation processes on track for Q1 2025
 - Stakeholder discussion began in Q1 2024 on DASI Conforming Changes, with a filing expected by end of Q2 2024
- **nGem Real-Time Market Clearing Engine:** Development of the new real-time market clearing engine software and infrastructure is on track for Q2 2025 implementation



Anchor Projects on Track, cont'd



- **FERC Order No. 2023:** Compliance with the Order is on track to meet the FERC-mandated April 3 filing date, a May 1 eligibility date, and the ISO's request for a May 31 effective date
 - NEPOOL work plan priority requests related to ISO Planning Procedures affected by Order No. 2023 are grouped together here:
 - **Assess Interconnection Standard for Charging of Electric Storage Resources (ESRs):** Updates made in Q1 2024 to PP5-6 (*Interconnection Planning Procedure for Generation and Elective Transmission Upgrades*) and proposed changes under Order No. 2023 Compliance address the stakeholder request to further describe modeling requirements for inverter-based resources and update load levels used in interconnection studies
 - **Improvements to the Proposed Plan Application (PPA) Process for TO-LED PPA Studies (including for Distributed Generation Interconnections):** Coordination work kicked off in Q1 2024, with 1) an educational webinar on the ISO's Order No. 2023 compliance proposal and the impact on Affected System Operator (ASO) Studies, and 2) stakeholder discussions of further updates to Planning Procedures to conform with Order No. 2023 changes and to incorporate the coordination process for ASO studies going forward

Notable Initiatives on Track



- **Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Shortage Pricing Assessment:** The ISO's evaluation continues, with potential for stakeholder discussions to begin as early as Q3 2024; timing may be impacted by outcomes and developments related to the two-year further delay of FCA 19
- **Flexible Response Services Assessment:** The ISO's evaluation continues, with stakeholder discussions targeted to begin in 2025
- **Evaluate Tie Benefits and HQICCs:** Stakeholder discussions targeted to continue into Q4 2024; study results will inform any potential initiatives that follow
- **Economic Planning for the Clean Energy Transition (EPCET) Pilot Study:** Stakeholder discussions are concluding; a summary report is planned for Q2
- **Evaluate Single Source Contingency Limit Increase:** Study scope is under development with PJM and NYISO; work continues in 2024 and potentially into 2025; study results will inform possible initiatives that follow



Notable Initiatives on Track, cont'd



- **Inverter-Based Resource (IBR) Integration & Modeling:**
In 2024, the ISO plans to establish guidelines for inclusion of IBR models into electromagnetic transient (EMT) modeling processes and associated model repositories
- **Cloud Computing and Cyber Security:** Projects are on track for 2024 implementation
- **Synchrophasor Enhancements for Future Grid:** Work is on track for 2024 and extending into 2025



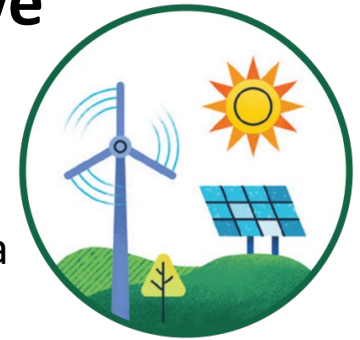
Updated Anchor Projects: Resource Capacity Accreditation (RCA) and Alternative FCM Commitment Horizons

Scopes and schedules refined since 2024 AWP publication



- **RCA in the FCM:** Stakeholder discussions have continued from 2023 on capacity accreditation reforms for the 19th Forward Capacity Auction (FCA 19) for the 2028-2029 Capacity Commitment Period (CCP 19)
 - On Jan. 2, 2024, FERC accepted a one-year delay of the auction, from Feb. 2025 to 2026
- **Assessing Alternative FCM Commitment Horizons:** After an evaluation and discussion period, the ISO made the recommendation in Q1 2024 to develop a capacity auction that runs closer to the capacity commitment period (prompt) and restructuring the CCP from annual to sub-annual (seasonal) commitment periods, starting with FCA 19/CCP 19
 - Consistent with the above recommendation, the ISO proposed a further two-year delay of the capacity auction to provide maximum flexibility to 1) design a prompt and seasonal market for CCP 19, and 2) develop RCA reforms for CCP 19 in the context of a prompt and seasonal market
 - Stakeholder discussions of the further delay proposal are now concluding, with a filing expected in April 2024; FERC's Order is anticipated in June

Updated Anchor Projects: RCA and Alternative FCM Commitment Horizons, cont'd



- If FERC **accepts** the further delay, ISO will pause stakeholder discussions to evaluate scope and phasing of work, and develop a work plan for a combined accreditation design with a prompt/seasonal capacity market to implement for CCP 19
 - With stakeholder support of a further delay, the ISO plans to design a market constraint approach for gas resources in the combined design
 - The ISO will also place early focus on developing the retirement components of the design and bring those designs to stakeholders early in the process
 - The timing of when the auction(s) would run to be determined as part of detailed design
- If FERC **rejects** the further delay, ISO would target implementing RCA under the forward market construct for FCA 19 in Feb. 2026 (the approved one-year delay), with a FERC filing in Q4 2024
 - To help ensure success, the proposal will focus solely on **three core components** of the accreditation reforms currently under discussion in the stakeholder process (these components remain applicable when pivoting from forward to prompt/seasonal):
1) MRI-based accreditation, 2) RAA modeling/seasonal risk, 3) modeling limited energy resources
 - Beyond these core components, cannot add to scope in a Q4 2024 filing
 - Ongoing filings will be required to address details for FCA 19/CCP 19 and beyond

2024 Timelines of Possible Paths

**Full RCA
Design
with Prompt/
Seasonal
Capacity
Market
Construct**

March, April, May
Further discussion
on RCA core
design proposal

June Contingent on
timing of FERC Order,
may need to begin
discussion of RCA core
design Tariff language

**July, August,
September**
Pause and develop
RCA-prompt/
seasonal work plan

October
Discuss work
plan with
stakeholders

November
Commence
work plan

*Complete
stakeholder &
regulatory process
on further delay
proposal*

- March MC vote
- April PC vote
- April FERC filing
- June FERC Order

**FERC
Accepts
Further
Delay**

**FERC
Denies
Further
Delay**

**Core RCA
Design for
FCA 19 in
Feb. 2026
with Forward
Capacity
Market
Construct**

March, April, May
Further discussion
on RCA core
design proposal

June Begin
discussion
of RCA core
design Tariff
language

July, August
Continue
discussion of
Tariff language,
amendments

September
MC vote on
RCA core
design

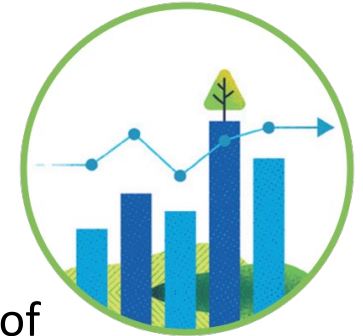
October
PC vote and
file with
FERC

November-on
Ongoing filings
required to
address details
for FCA 19/CCP
19 and beyond

*If FERC does not accept RCA
design, ISO would run FCA 19
without RCA in Feb. 2026*

Updated Notable Initiatives

Scopes and schedules changed since 2024 AWP publication



- **Transmission Asset Condition Process Improvements and Sizing for the Clean Energy Transition:** Stakeholder discussion of Transmission Owner proposals on asset condition process improvements continue from 2023 and have extended further into 2024; FERC Order RM21-17 is expected to influence discussions on future-sizing
- **Work on FCM-Related Initiatives:** These stakeholder-requested initiatives are affected by FCM prompt/seasonal considerations and are therefore deferred pending a prompt/seasonal market design:
 - FCM Retirement Reforms: Return to Service
 - FCM Financial Assurance Policy/Entry-Related Improvement
- **Storage Modeling Market Enhancements Assessment:** The ISO continues to evaluate opportunities to more efficiently integrate energy storage resources into the energy and ancillary service markets, beyond FERC Order 841 (*Electric Storage Participation in Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators*)
 - Timing of stakeholder discussions is no longer estimated to begin in 2024 and will be reassessed as part of the 2025 AWP

Potential New FERC Initiative

FERC actions are always accommodated but can impact AWP



- A final rule from FERC is anticipated in early 2024 on its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking RM21-17: Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection
- ISO analysis of and action on the Order will depend on compliance timelines, but will likely require resources be directed to this initiative for the second half of 2024






Other Timely Effort: Implement New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) External Interface



- The ISO has started work across the company to incorporate the NECEC interface in December 2025
- Work involves potential changes to the ISO Tariff and schedules, agreements, dispatch instructions, transaction scheduling, EMS modeling, operation planning, resource adequacy, market rules and modeling, settlements, manuals and operating procedures, software and databases, and all references to interfaces in existing documentation and materials



2024 AWP Update	Q2	Q3	Q4
 Markets Related	RCA-Prompt/Seasonal		
	Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Shortage Pricing Assessment		
	Flexible Response Services Assessment		
	Storage Modeling Market Enhancement Assessment		
 Planning & Operations	Regional Energy Shortfall Threshold (REST)		
	Order No. 2023		
	LTTS Phase 2		
	EPCET		
	Tie Benefits & HQICCs Assessment		
	Transmission Asset Condition Process Improvement/Sizing Considerations		
	Single Source Contingency Limit Assessment		
	Other Initiatives & Continuing Business		
 Capital Priorities	DASI Implementation		
	nGEM Real-Time Market Clearing Engine		
	Inverter-Based Resource Integration & Modeling		
	Synchrophasor Enhancements for Future Grid		
	Cloud Computing & Cyber Security		