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To: NEPOOL Principal Committees and Working Groups

From: David Cavanaugh, Chair, NEPOOL Participants Committee
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Date: April 30, 2021

Subject: Extending Teleconference Meetings through August 31, 2021

We hope this memo finds you all well as we begin evolving into more optimistic phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. NEPOOL and ISO New England continue to monitor the spread of the virus through information and guidelines published by the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [World Health Organization](#) and are following the relevant advisories issued by the New England states.

This month, over 200,000,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the United States, with roughly 30% of the total population fully vaccinated. Meanwhile, the number of cumulative, positive COVID-19 cases have reached more than 31 million nationally and over half a million lives in the United States have been lost to the virus.

While more widespread distribution of vaccines is still underway, we will proceed with virtual NEPOOL and ISO meetings via teleconferences and WebEx through the end of August 2021. It is our hope we may be able to begin holding in-person meetings again starting in September, although we recognize that the traditional style and set up of in-person meetings may need adjustments when we do resume committee meetings.

We will continue to assess the situation and will provide another update sometime in July. We look forward to sustaining the cooperative dialogue with one another as we all seek continued patience and grace under the circumstances.