



March 25, 2026

VIA E-MAIL

**TO: PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

**RE: Initial Notice of April 9, 2026 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 2026 meeting of the Participants Committee will be held **in person on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at The Equinox, 3567 Main St., Manchester, VT 05254** for the purposes set forth on the attached agenda and posted with the meeting materials at [nepool.com/meetings/](http://nepool.com/meetings/).

**To join the meeting using the enhanced Webex interface**, please **download the Webex app** to your desktop or to your phone (whichever device you will be using) **in advance of the meeting** and use the app to join the meeting. You may also access the meeting through the ISO's Webex meetings page by clicking <https://iso-newengland.webex.com/webappng/sites/iso-newengland/meeting/home> and selecting the meeting (event password = **nepool**).

Although the NEPOOL reservations block at The Equinox is closed, if you are in need of a room, please contact Pat Gerity ([pmgerity@daypitney.com](mailto:pmgerity@daypitney.com)) who may be able to assist you.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

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Sebastian Lombardi, Secretary

## INITIAL AGENDA

1. To approve the draft minutes of the March 5, 2026 Participants Committee meeting. The March 5 minutes will be circulated under separate cover. Please provide us with any comments on these draft minutes no later than **noon on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**
2. To adopt and approve the action recommended by the Reliability Committee set forth on the Consent Agenda included with this initial notice and posted with the meeting materials. In accordance with the Participants Committee Bylaws, if you wish to remove the recommended action from the Consent Agenda, you must so indicate by notifying the Secretary no later than **noon on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**
3. To receive an ISO Chief Executive Officer Report. A summary of the ISO Board and Board Committee meetings held since the last Participants Committee meeting will be circulated and posted in advance of the meeting.
4. To receive a Systems and Market Operations Report. The April Systems and Market Operations Report, reflecting March data, will be circulated and posted in advance of the meeting.
5. To receive an ISO update on the 2026 Annual Work Plan. Materials regarding the updated 2026 Annual Work Plan are included and posted with this initial notice.
6. To receive an ISO Information Technology (IT) and Cybersecurity Report from Rudy Pawul, ISO Vice President of Information and Cybersecurity Services.
7. To consider, and take action, as appropriate, on changes to the NEPOOL Generation Information System (GIS) to allow a NEPOOL GIS login to be linked and have access to multiple GIS Accounts. Background materials and a draft resolution will be included and posted with the supplemental notice.
8. 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.
9. To receive reports from Committees, Subcommittees and other working groups:
  - Markets Committee
  - Reliability Committee
  - Transmission Committee
  - Budget & Finance Subcommittee
  - Membership Subcommittee
  - Joint Nominating Committee
10. Administrative matters.
11. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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**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.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### *Reliability Committee (RC)*

From the previously-circulated notice of actions of the RC's **March 17, 2026** meeting, dated March 17, 2026.<sup>1</sup>

**1. Revisions to NYISO/ISO-NE Coordination Agreement (to support the installation of NYISO-owned tie-line meters)**

Support proposed revisions to the Coordination Agreement between the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) and ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE),<sup>2</sup> as recommended by the RC at its March 17, 2026 meeting, together with such non-material changes as may be approved by the RC Chair and Vice-Chair.

The motion to recommend Participants Committee support was approved unanimously, with one abstention in the End User Sector.

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<sup>1</sup> RC Notices of Actions are posted on the ISO-NE website at: [https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/reliability/reliability-committee/?document-type=Committee Actions](https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/reliability/reliability-committee/?document-type=Committee%20Actions).

<sup>2</sup> The Coordination Agreement revisions include: (i) revisions to reflect use of NYISO-owned meters at NY tie-line substations for transmission operations; (ii) updates to NERC and NPCC references; and (iii) other non-material changes.

# ISO New England's 2026 Annual Work Plan Update

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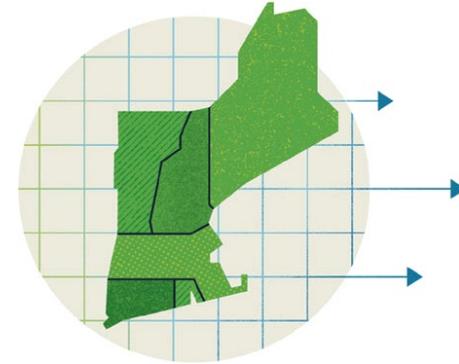


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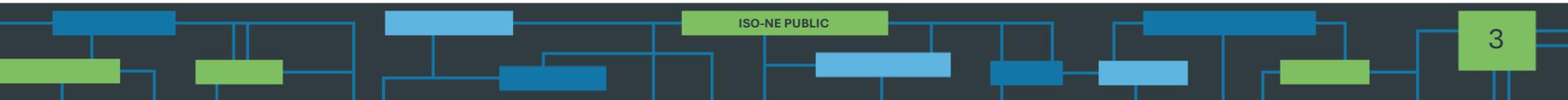


# Objective and Process



- This report reflects **updates** to the *2026 Annual Work Plan (2025 AWP)* since its publication in October 2025
- Potential impacts on the work plan could stem from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) action on existing or new directives; federal or state policy changes; expanded work requests; or other emergent issues
- Stakeholders can submit **new** requests for the ISO's 2027 AWP through the NEPOOL priorities process, which kicked off in March 2026
  - Over the following months, the requests are discussed, narrowed, and a final list is considered for incorporation into the ISO's 2027 plan
  - Reminder that the AWP focuses on key initiatives and does not represent the ISO's full workload, including all project implementation work or the extensive day-to-day operations related to running the grid, the markets, and its organization

# ANCHOR PROJECTS



# Anchor Projects Are on Track

*Status update since 2026 AWP publication*

- **[Capacity Auction Reforms \(CAR\)](#)**
  - The first phase of CAR reforms (prompt auction and deactivation process) was filed with FERC in December 2025, with an order requested by end of March 2026
  - The second phase of CAR reforms (seasonal auctions and resource accreditation) is on track to be filed by end of 2026; see the most recent stakeholder schedule on slides 62-66 of this March 2026 NEPOOL Markets Committee [presentation](#)
- **Dynamic Operating Reserves for a Changing System**
  - The ISO [provided an update](#) on its assessment and development of this initiative at the March 2026 NEPOOL Markets Committee meeting, which notes potential implementation plans in 2027; further updates and stakeholder discussions are targeted to begin no earlier than Q4 2026

# Anchor Projects on Track, cont'd

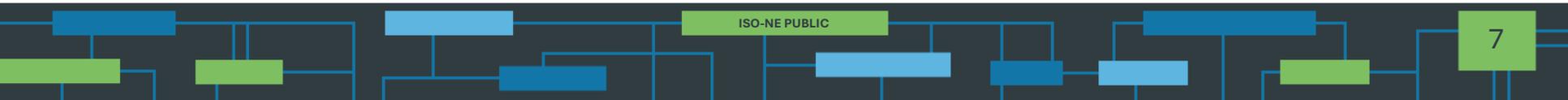
- **The New England States' First Competitive Solicitation for Longer-Term Transmission Planning Solution ([2025 LTTP RFP](#))**
  - A preferred solution is expected to be identified as early as September 2026
- **Advancing the [Asset Condition Reviewer](#) Role**
  - Stakeholder discussions are in progress, and the permanent AC Reviewer role is on target to be in place by January 2027; see the stakeholder schedule in the March 2026 NEPOOL Transmission Committee [presentation](#) and the high-level [project plan](#)
  - Concurrent to developing the permanent process, and in agreement with stakeholder requests to begin reviewing Asset Condition Projects on an interim basis, the ISO is overseeing reviews of [selected projects](#) brought forward by the Transmission Owners
    - Planning Advisory Committee discussion of project review findings are anticipated to begin in Q2/Q3 2026

# Anchor Projects on Track, cont'd

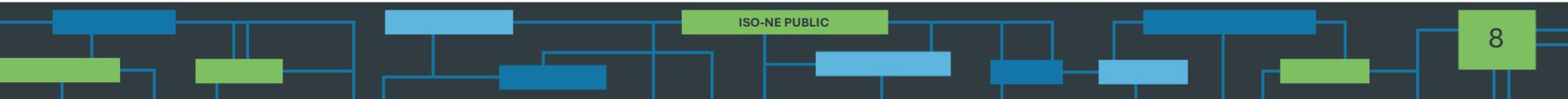
- **[FERC Order No. 1920, 1920-A, 1920-B](#) Compliance**
  - Stakeholder discussions are planned to begin in Q3 2026
  - Regional and interregional compliance filings are due June 2027 for a 2029 effective date
- **Further Inclusion of Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs) Into Transmission Planning**
  - Order No. 1920 compliance work is expected to include discussion of a process for further including GETs into transmission planning assessments
- **Transmission Sizing for the Clean Energy Transition**
  - Aspects of transmission sizing will be addressed through Order No. 1920 compliance, which requires development of a process for when to consider “right-sizing” as a way to address both identified asset replacement and long-term needs
  - In Q3/Q4 2026, following AC Reviewer role discussions, stakeholder discussions are expected to begin on identifying opportunities for potential transmission sizing in the case of projects that are proceeding as Asset Condition Projects
  - After the above items progress, the ISO will assess the need for follow-on work to align or expand these sizing efforts into other transmission solution processes

# Anchor Projects on Track, cont'd

- **nGEM Real-Time Market Clearing Engine**
  - To implement RT MCE software and infrastructure in Q2 2026
- **Order No. 2222: Participation of DER Aggregations in Markets**
  - To implement software and system changes in Q4 2026, see [participant training](#) and [readiness](#) resources
- **Order No. 881: Ambient Adjusted Ratings for Transmission Lines**
  - To implement software and system changes in Q4 2026, see [participant training and readiness](#) resources



# NOTABLE INITIATIVES



# Notable Initiatives on Track

- **Evaluating Surplus Interconnection Service Rules**
  - The ISO held stakeholder discussions and solicited [stakeholder feedback](#) via the NEPOOL Transmission Committee in January and February 2026
  - The ISO is conducting a gap analysis and expects to begin discussion of its findings and topics for possible solutions no later than Q3 2026, with associated project scope and timelines to follow
    - This work is being planned and conducted separately from the CAR-SA initiative
- **[FERC Order No. 2023](#) Implementation**
  - The Transitional Cluster Study interim report is on target for June 2026 and the final report for August 2026; the Cluster Request Window for the first (regular) Cluster Study would then open in October 2026, which kicks off the rest of the Cluster Study Process
- **[Day-Ahead Ancillary Services](#) Assessment**
  - Reporting on the market’s competitiveness and performance after a full year of implementation and any potential recommendations for enhancements is targeted for Q2 2026 (*see related new item on slide 13*)

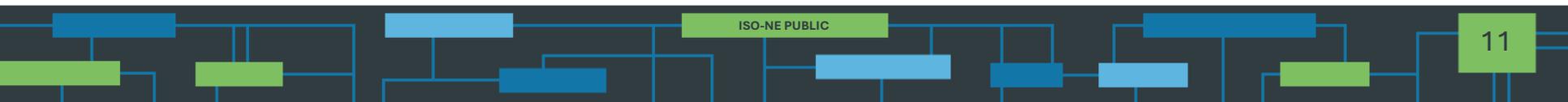
# Notable Initiatives on Track

- **First Run of Formalized PEAT/REST Processes**
  - At the March 2026 NEPOOL Reliability Committee meeting, the ISO reviewed baseline assumptions for its long-term energy assessments to be conducted in 2026 and commenced collection of stakeholder sensitivity requests
  - The ISO expects to return to the committee in May to summarize feedback and share sensitivities to be run, with plans to present the assessment in Q4 2026
- **Technology Initiatives on Track**
  - Inverter-Based Resource (IBR) Integration & Modeling
  - Synchrophasor Enhancements for Future Grid
  - Integrated Market Simulator (IMS)
  - Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, and Artificial Intelligence

# Updated Notable Initiative

*Revised since 2026 AWP publication*

- **Pay-for-Performance Revisions: Balancing Ratio (FERC Order No. EL25-106 Compliance)**
  - To comply with FERC’s January 2026 [order](#), proposed revisions will cap the Balancing Ratio at 1.0 under the existing Forward Capacity Market rules
  - Stakeholder [discussions began](#) in March 2026; the order requires a compliance filing by July 21, 2026, and effective date of July 25, 2025 (consistent with the FERC-ordered refund effective date)



# New Notable Initiatives

*Emerged since 2026 AWP publication*

- **Pay-for-Performance Revisions: Performance Penalty Rate**
  - Stakeholder [discussions began](#) in March 2026 on a proposed downward adjustment to the Performance Penalty Rate, with filing and effective dates anticipated for Q3 2026
- **Pay-for-Performance Revisions: Treatment of External Transactions and Potential Clean-Up Changes**
  - Targeted revisions seek to address issues raised by the ISO's [Internal](#) and [External](#) Market Monitors related to the treatment of exports during a Capacity Scarcity Condition, as well as some possible, discrete clean-up changes by the ISO
  - Stakeholder [discussions began](#) in March 2026, with a filing anticipated in Q3 2026 for Q4 effective date

# New Notable Initiatives, cont'd

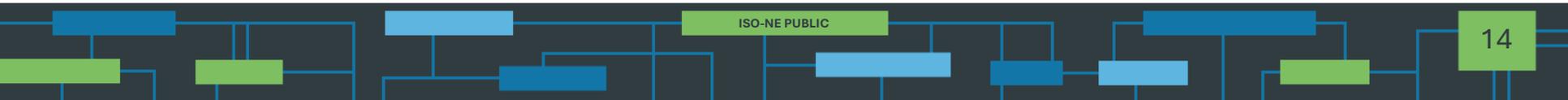
*Emerged since 2026 AWP publication*

- **Day-Ahead Ancillary Services Post-Implementation Adjustments**
  - In February 2026, the Internal Market Monitor discussed and [recommended](#) three areas for adjustments to improve the cost effectiveness of the Day-Ahead Ancillary Services market
  - The ISO is now actively developing design proposals consistent with the recommendations and market design objectives
  - At the April 2026 Markets and Reliability Committee meetings, the ISO plans to commence stakeholder discussions on targeted changes to effectuate those recommendations, with filing and effective dates anticipated for Q3 2026

# Capital Initiative Update

*Projected revision from 2026 AWP publication*

- **MW Dependent Fuel Price Adjustment (Dynergy Compliance)**
  - This initiative, [accepted by FERC](#) in 2024, changes the Fuel Price Adjustment process to allow participants to submit up to two different fuel prices in their resource's cost-based Reference Levels
  - Due to vendor resourcing constraints, the November 2026 implementation date is delayed until winter 2027/2028



2026 AWP	Q2	Q3	Q4
 <b>Markets</b>	Capacity Auction Reforms (CAR roadmap extends into 2027)		
			Dynamic Operating Reserves (extends into 2027)
	PFP Revisions (3 items)		
 <b>Operations &amp; Planning</b>	DA/AS Assessments and Adjustments		
	Capacity Auction Reforms (CAR roadmap extends into 2027)		
	Advancing Asset Condition Reviewer Role & Interim Review Process		
	First Competitive Solicitation for LTP Solution		
		FERC Order No. 1920 Compliance (extends into 2027)	
	FERC Order No. 2023 Implementation		
	Evaluating Surplus IS Rules	Identify Surplus IS Solutions	
	First Run of Formalized PEAT/REST Processes		
 <b>Capital Priorities</b>	nGEM RT MCE	Additional Phases (extend into 2027)	
	Order No. 2222 and Order No. 881 Implementation		
	Inverter-Based Resource Modeling, Synchrophasor Enhancements, IMS		
	Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence		

Approximate Stakeholder Discussion Timing

