

Definition of the Regulated Backstop Solution Benchmark and Example

Definition of the Benchmark

- ◆ The Regulated Backstop Solution Benchmark (BM) is defined as the date by which market solutions must be determined to be viable or else a regulated solution must be triggered to allow a solution to be planned, designed, obtain permits as required and be implemented to meet an identified reliability need.

Benchmark Example

- ◆ Study Period is 2006 – 2016
- ◆ First year of need is 2012 which can be satisfied by increased transfer capability into Zone J.
- ◆ Responsible Transmission Owner proposes new transmission cable which will require four years to design, license and construct.
- ◆ Lead time is 4 years and the BM date would be 2008

BM Example - Timeline

