

December 11, 2025

Re: Notice of the Preliminary Schedule for the Next Cluster Study Process Start Date

Dear Stakeholders:

The NYISO provides with this notice the preliminary schedule for the next Cluster Study Process provided in Attachment A, including the preliminary Cluster Study Process Start Date for that process.

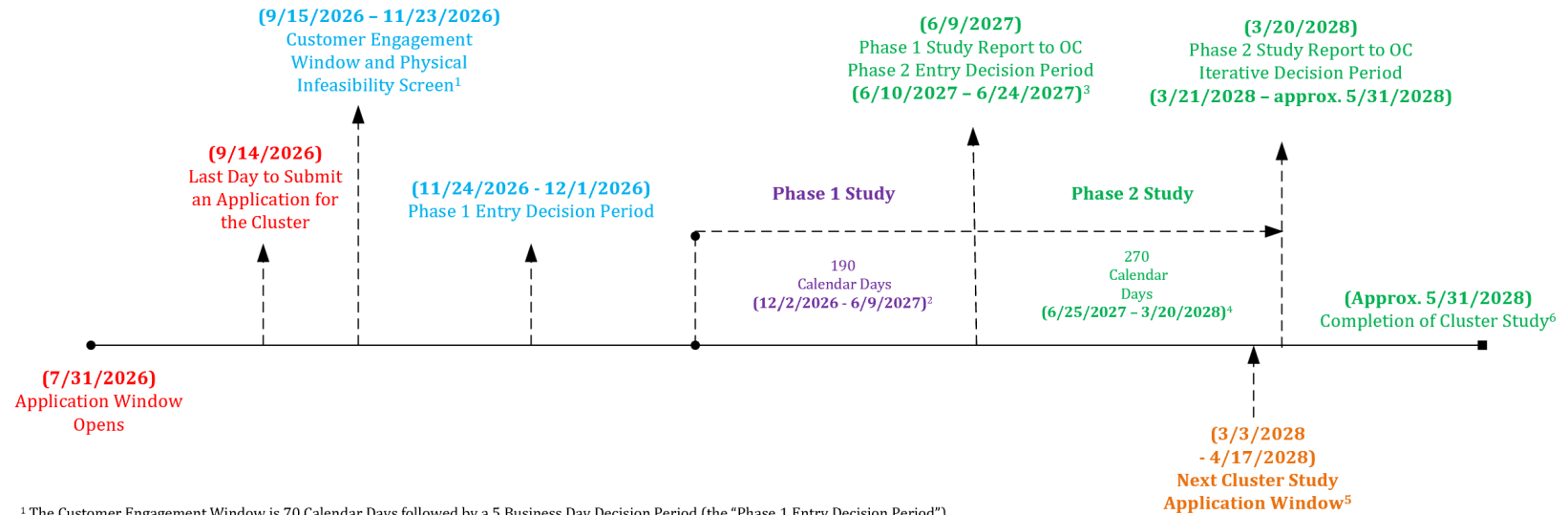
The NYISO commenced the Phase 2 Study of the Transition Cluster Study on **November 19, 2025**. Per Section 40.9.2.1 of Attachment HH to the NYISO's Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT"), the scheduled duration of the Phase 2 Study process is 270 Calendar Days from the Phase 2 Study Start Date to the NYISO's presentation of the draft Cluster Study Report to the Operating Committee for its approval. Based on this preliminary schedule, the NYISO currently estimates that it will present the Cluster Study Report to the Operating Committee for approval on or about **August 17, 2026**.

Pursuant to Section 40.5.1.3 of Attachment HH to the ISO OATT, the NYISO is required to set the Cluster Study Process Start Date for the next Cluster Study Process 15 Calendar Days prior to the scheduled date for the NYISO's presentation of the Cluster Study Report for the Transition Cluster Study. Based on the current schedule for completing the Phase 2 Study, the NYISO currently estimates that the Cluster Study Process Start Date for the Cluster Study subsequent to the ongoing Transition Cluster Study will be July 31, 2026, with the Application Window opening on **July 31, 2026 at 8am EDT** and closing on **September 14, 2026 at 5pm EDT**.

Please note that this is a preliminary schedule. Pursuant to Section 40.5.1.3 of Attachment HH to the NYISO OATT, the ISO shall provide the actual start date for the next Cluster Study 60 Calendar Days prior to the latest scheduled date for the NYISO's presentation of the Cluster Study Report for the Transition Cluster Study to the Operating Committee.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to stakeholder_services_ipsupport@nyiso.com.

Attachment A - Preliminary Schedule of the next Cluster Study (Cluster Study 2026)



¹ The Customer Engagement Window is 70 Calendar Days followed by a 5 Business Day Decision Period (the "Phase 1 Entry Decision Period").

² The Phase 1 Study process commences on the first Business Day after the end date of the Phase 1 Entry Decision Period.

³ The Phase 2 Entry Decision Period commences on the first Business Day after the ISO's Operating Committee's approval of the Phase 1 Cost Estimates Summary Report.

⁴ The Phase 2 Study process commenced on the first Business Day after the end date of the Phase 2 Entry Decision Period. Within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the commencement of the Phase 2 Study of the Transition Cluster Study Process or a subsequent Cluster Study Process, the ISO will provide a preliminary schedule for the next Cluster Study Process, including a preliminary Cluster Study Process Start Date, based on the then-scheduled date for the ISO's presentation of the Cluster Study Report to the Operating Committee. Sixty (60) Calendar Days prior to the latest scheduled date of the ISO's presentation of the Cluster Study Report to the Operating Committee, the ISO shall provide the final Cluster Study Process Start Date using that scheduled Operating Committee date.

⁵ The next Cluster Study Process Start Date will be 15 Calendar Days prior to the scheduled date for the ISO's presentation in the prior study process of the Cluster Study Report for the Operating Committee's approval. The date will be set as follows.

⁶ The Cluster Study is completed after the Phase 2 Decision Period completes (approx. 72 Calendar Days depending on the number of decision rounds).