DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

NYISO COMPREHENSIVE RELIABILITY PLANNING PROCESS

Section 9.3

0 The NYISO, in conjunction with ESPWG, will develop the criteria for halting a regulated solution that is already underway because of the entry of a viable marketbased solution that the NYISO has determined will meet the same Reliability Need. Such criteria shall also establish a cut-off point following which a regulated solution may not be cancelled regardless of the appearance of a market-based solution.

Proposed Criteria

- The premise for this proposal is that, at the request of the NYISO, the Responsible TO has already begun to proceed with the development of a regulated backstop solution to an identified reliability need since there was no viable market-based proposal available.
- The Responsible TO shall submit to the NYISO, on a periodic basis [period to be determined], updated information on the project's status.
- The NYISO will make the project status information for the regulated backstop solution known to its market participants through a posting on its website. This process will ensure that developers of market-based proposals will have ample notice.
- Subsequently, a market-based project that the NYISO has determined will meet the reliability need in a timely fashion is proposed by a developer. The NYISO has also determined that such proposal meets its qualifications for a valid marketbased response.
- In addition, the developer of the proposed market-based project must be able to demonstrate:
 - Evidence of site control
 - All required permits have been received or are in advanced stages of approval
 - Financing has been obtained
 - All interconnection studies have been completed and approved
 - Cost allocation has been accepted

- Interconnection Agreement has been filed with FERC
- The regulated backstop project is still in either the permitting, design or engineering phase and no major equipment has been purchased.
- Once the Responsible TO has committed to purchase major equipment for the regulated backstop solution and/or construction work has started, the regulated backstop solution will continue regardless of the subsequent appearance of a market-based alternative.

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