

Draft for Discussion
Base Case Screens -- March 24, 2005

The NYISO will review the ATRA, the plans submitted by the TOs, and other information submitted as part of the input phase of the Comprehensive Planning Process. The NYISO will apply the following rules to determine what projects and plans to include in the Base Case for the 2005 Reliability Needs Assessment:

The following three categories will be considered for inclusion:

- (a1) All projects and plans that have completed the NYISO interconnection process (cost allocation accepted).
- (a2) All other merchant projects and plans.
- (a3) All projects and plans that are part of a Transmission Owner's plan.

Projects and plans that are eligible for inclusion as provided above will be included or excluded from the Base Case according to the following criteria:

- 1. Projects that are in service or under construction will be included.
- 2. TO projects on non-bulk power facilities will be included.

For those projects and plans not already in-service or under construction:

- 3.(b1) Group a1 projects will be included if they have a PSC certificate, or approval under SEQRA in a case where the PSC process is not applicable, and an executed contract with a credit worthy entity.
- 3.(b2) Group a2 projects will be included if they have a PSC certificate (or SEQR approval) and an approved SRIS (if applicable), and an executed contract with a credit worthy entity.
- 3.(b3) Group a3 projects will be included if they satisfy one of the following conditions:
 - 1) The project is a Backstop Regulated Solution triggered in a prior year's Comprehensive Reliability Plan; or
 - 2) The project is related to any projects and plans in groups a1 and a2 that are included in the Base Case; or
 - 3) The project is expected to be in service within 3 years, has an approved SRIS (if applicable), and has received PSC certification (or SEQRA approval).