



AC Transmission  
Public Policy Transmission Need  
Viability and Sufficiency Assessment

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# Public Policy Process

- ◆ **Section 31.4 of Attachment Y of the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) describes the planning process that the NYISO, and all interested parties, shall follow to consider needs for new transmission projects on the Bulk Power Transmission Facilities (BPTFs) that are driven by Public Policy Requirements.**
- ◆ **A Public Policy Requirement is a federal or New York State statute or regulation, including a New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) order adopting a rule or regulation subject to and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, any successor statute, or any duly enacted law or regulation passed by a local governmental entity in New York State, that may relate to transmission planning on the BPTFs.**

# Public Policy Process

## ◆ Phase I: Identify Needs and Assess Solutions

- *PSC identifies transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements and defines sufficiency criteria*
- *NYISO solicits solutions (transmission, generation, or EE/DR)*
- *NYISO evaluates viability and sufficiency of all solutions*
- *PSC reviews Viability and Sufficiency Assessment and confirms continued transmission need*

## ◆ Phase II: Transmission Evaluation and Selection

- *NYISO evaluates viable and sufficient transmission solutions to identify the more efficient or cost-effective solution*
- *NYISO Board may select a transmission solution for purposes of cost allocation and recovery under the NYISO Tariff*

# Identification of the Needs

- ◆ **August 1, 2014 - NYISO issued a letter inviting stakeholders and interested parties to submit proposed transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements**
- ◆ **October 3, 2014 - NYISO submitted the proposed needs to the PSC**
- ◆ **September 22, 2015 - DPS staff issued a final report in the PSC's AC Transmission proceedings recommending new transmission facilities across Central East and UPNY/SENY interfaces.**
- ◆ **December 17, 2015 - the PSC issued an order addressing Public Policy Requirements and identifying the AC Transmission Public Policy Transmission Need (PPTN).**



# AC TRANSMISSION PPTN

## ◆ Segment A (Central East)

- *New Edic/Marcy to New Scotland 345 kV line*
- *Decommission Porter to Rotterdam 230 kV lines*
- *230/345 kV connection to Rotterdam*

## ◆ Segment B (UPNY/SENY)

- *New Knickerbocker to Pleasant Valley 345 kV line*
  - *Rock Tavern substation terminal upgrades*
  - *Shoemaker – Sugarloaf 138 kV line*
- ◆ See PSC Order for full description



# Sufficiency Criteria

- ◆ **For all solution types**

- *For Segment A, increase Central East normal transfer limit by at least 350 MW*
- *For Segment B, increase UPNY/SENY normal transfer limit by at least 900 MW*

- ◆ **For transmission solutions**

- *Must include all Segment A or Segment B components*
- *No crossing of Hudson River*
- *No acquisition of new permanent rights-of-way, except for de minimis acquisitions*
- *Costs not to exceed level estimated by the PSC if the proposed project was evaluated in AC Transmission proceedings*

# Sufficiency Base Case

- ◆ **Same base case as that used in the AC Transmission proceedings before the PSC**
  - *2014 NYISO Comprehensive Reliability Plan baseline representation for 2019*
  - *Modified to include the CPV Valley Energy Center generation plant and associated system deliverability upgrades*

# Sufficiency Baseline Limits

- ◆ **Central East**

- *Normal Transfer Limit: 2,725 MW (voltage)*
- *Contingency: Marcy South tower (Lines 40 & 41)*

- ◆ **UPNY/SENY**

- *Normal Transfer Limit: 5,113 MW (thermal)*
- *Limiting Element: Leeds – Pleasant Valley 345 kV*
- *Limiting Contingency: Common-tower loss of CPV – Rock Tavern and Coopers Corners – Rock Tavern 345 kV (Lines 34 & 42B)*

- ◆ **See the NYISO's October 8, 2015 AC Transmission Technical Conference presentation for further details**



# Solicitation of Solutions

- ◆ **February 5, 2016 – NYISO presented at ESPWG/TPAS to review the AC Transmission PPTN, and the associated models and assumptions to be used in NYISO’s evaluations.**
- ◆ **February 29, 2016 – NYISO issued a solicitation for Public Policy Transmission Projects and Other Public Policy Projects to address the AC Transmission PPTN**
- ◆ **March 30, 2016 – NYISO issued FAQ**
- ◆ **April 13, 2016 – NYISO issued additional FAQ**
- ◆ **April 29, 2016 – Six Developers submitted 16 project proposals**

# Proposed Projects

Developer	Project Name	Category	Type	Location	Size
National Grid / Transco	New York Energy Solution Seg. A	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
National Grid / Transco	New York Energy Solution Seg. B	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment A	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment B	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment B-Alt	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A +765 kV	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Base	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Double Circuit	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Enhanced	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment B Base	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment B Enhanced	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
ITC New York Development	16NYPP1-1A AC Transmission	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment A	N/A
ITC New York Development	16NYPP1-1B AC Transmission	PPTP	AC Transmission	Segment B	N/A
AvanGrid	Connect New York Recommended	PPTP	HVDC	Segments A and B	1000 MW
AvanGrid	Connect New York Alternative	PPTP	HVDC	Segments A and B	1000 MW
GlidePath	Distributed Generation Portfolio	OPPP	Generation	Orange, Ulster, Putnam, Greene, NY	112 MW

PPTP: Public Policy Transmission Project      OPPP: Other Public Policy Project

# Project Findings

Developer Name	Project Name	Segment	Includes All Segment A Components?	Includes All Segment B Components?	Meets ROW Acquisition Criterion Except For de minimis?	Meets Hudson River Crossing Criterion?	Meets Cost Estimate Criterion?	Central East Limit Increases 350+ MW ?	UPNY-SENY Limit Increases 900+ MW ?	Sufficient?
National Grid / Transco	New York Energy Solution Seg. A	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment A	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A +765 kV	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Base	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Double Circuit	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment A Enhanced	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
ITC New York Development	16NYPP1-1A AC Transmission	A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
National Grid / Transco	New York Energy Solution Seg. B	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment B	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
NextEra Energy Transmission New York	Enterprise Line: Segment B-Alt	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment B Base	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
North America Transmission / NYPA	Segment B Enhanced	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
ITC New York Development	16NYPP1-1B AC Transmission	B	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
AvanGrid	Connect New York Recommended	A and B	No	No	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	No
AvanGrid	Connect New York Alternative	A and B	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	No
GlidePath	Distributed Generation Portfolio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No

# Conclusions

- ◆ **13 projects are viable and sufficient**
  - *National Grid / Transco – New York Energy Solution Segment A*
  - *National Grid / Transco – New York Energy Solution Segment B*
  - *NextEra Energy Transmission New York – Enterprise Line: Segment A*
  - *NextEra Energy Transmission New York – Enterprise Line: Segment B*
  - *NextEra Energy Transmission New York – Enterprise Line: Segment B Alt.*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment A + 765 kV*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment A Base*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment A Double Circuit*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment A Enhanced*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment B Base*
  - *North America Transmission / NYPA – Segment B Enhanced*
  - *ITC New York Development – 16NYPP1-1A AC Transmission*
  - *ITC New York Development – 16NYPP1-1B AC Transmission*

# Comments

- ◆ **October 3, 2016 – Comments on the Viability & Sufficiency Assessment due to the NYISO**
  - ◆ *Submit comments with subject line “AC Transmission PPTN VSA comments” to:*  
[PublicPolicyPlanningMailbox@nyiso.com](mailto:PublicPolicyPlanningMailbox@nyiso.com)
- ◆ **Mid October 2016 – NYISO will publish and submit to the PSC the final Viability & Sufficiency Assessment**



# Next Steps

- ◆ **PSC reviews the Viability & Sufficiency Assessment**
- ◆ **PSC will issue an order, in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, explaining whether there continues to be a transmission need driven by a Public Policy Requirement.**
- ◆ **If PSC confirms need for transmission, the NYISO will continue to evaluate transmission solutions to the AC Transmission Public Policy Transmission Need.**
- ◆ **Within 15 Calendar Days following the PSC's issuance of an order finding a continued need for transmission, Developers must provide notice of their intent to proceed with the evaluation of their viable and sufficient projects.**

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- *Operating open, fair and competitive wholesale electricity markets*
- *Planning the power system for the future*
- *Providing factual information to policy makers, stakeholders and investors in the power system*

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