

NOTICE

UPDATE REGARDING THE LOWER HUDSON VALLEY NEAR-TERM RELIABILITY NEED AND ASSOCIATED SOLUTION SOLICITATION

October 2, 2026

On August 20, 2026, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) issued a solicitation for proposed Short-Term Reliability Process Solutions to address the Lower Hudson Valley Near-Term Reliability Need first identified in the 2026 Quarter 1 Short-Term Assessment of Reliability (STAR) in consideration of the impacts from updates to system conditions, as evaluated in the 2026 Quarter 2 STAR. The need was identified following the proposed deactivation of Danskammer Units 1-4 and pending demonstration of the planned power capability of the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE).

Since issuing the solicitation, the NYISO has determined that CHPE has demonstrated its planned power capability. As a result, the NYISO has determined that there has been a change in the scope, scale, or nature of the previously identified Lower Hudson Valley Near-Term Reliability Need. Consistent with Section 38.4.8.1 of the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff and the Short-Term Reliability Process, this change will be formally reflected in the 2026 Quarter 3 STAR. **Upon issuance of the 2026 Quarter 3 STAR on October 13, 2026, the identified Lower Hudson Valley Near-Term Reliability Need will no longer be observed, and the associated solution solicitation will be withdrawn.**

Accordingly, the NYISO will not proceed with the evaluation or selection of solutions submitted in response to the August 20, 2026 solicitation, which solutions were requested by October 19, 2026. **Entities considering submissions are advised that responses to the solicitation are not required.**

This update does not alter the NYISO's longer-term reliability assessment for the Lower Hudson Valley. As described in the draft 2026 Reliability Needs Assessment (RNA) posted for the October 1, 2026 ESPWG/TPAS meeting, the NYISO continues to observe reliability concerns in the Lower Hudson Valley beginning in 2032, even assuming CHPE and other planned projects are available. The 2026 RNA is targeted for completion in November 2026. Interested entities should continue to monitor the developments related to evolving reliability risks in the Lower Hudson Valley.

The NYISO will provide additional information regarding this determination in the 2026 Quarter 3 STAR on October 13, 2026.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to DeveloperSolution@nyiso.com.