

# Short Term Improvements to Planning Processes

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# Two-stage information Submission

- **Comments from stakeholders:**
  - Not necessary: The current 60-day window is sufficient
  - May create issues about disclosing project confidential information and alignment with interconnection requirements
  - NYISO needs to provide more clarity prior to issuing the official solicitation, including
    - Metrics for evaluation
    - Baseline assessment

# Revised proposal

- The proposed tariff language posted for Sep. 25 ESPWG was compared against the existing tariff language.
- Expand 31.4.4.3.1, and propose a Technical Bulletin to describe the following process:
  - Prior to the NYISO issuing the official solicitation, the NYISO will:
    - Discuss the baseline assessment with stakeholders at ESPWG/TPAS
    - Set up a technical conference for interested developers to ask in-depth questions regarding the PPTN.
    - Prepare an FAQ to document the baseline assessment and the metrics for evaluation and selection, including PSC criteria. The document should be released at the same time as the formal project solicitation.

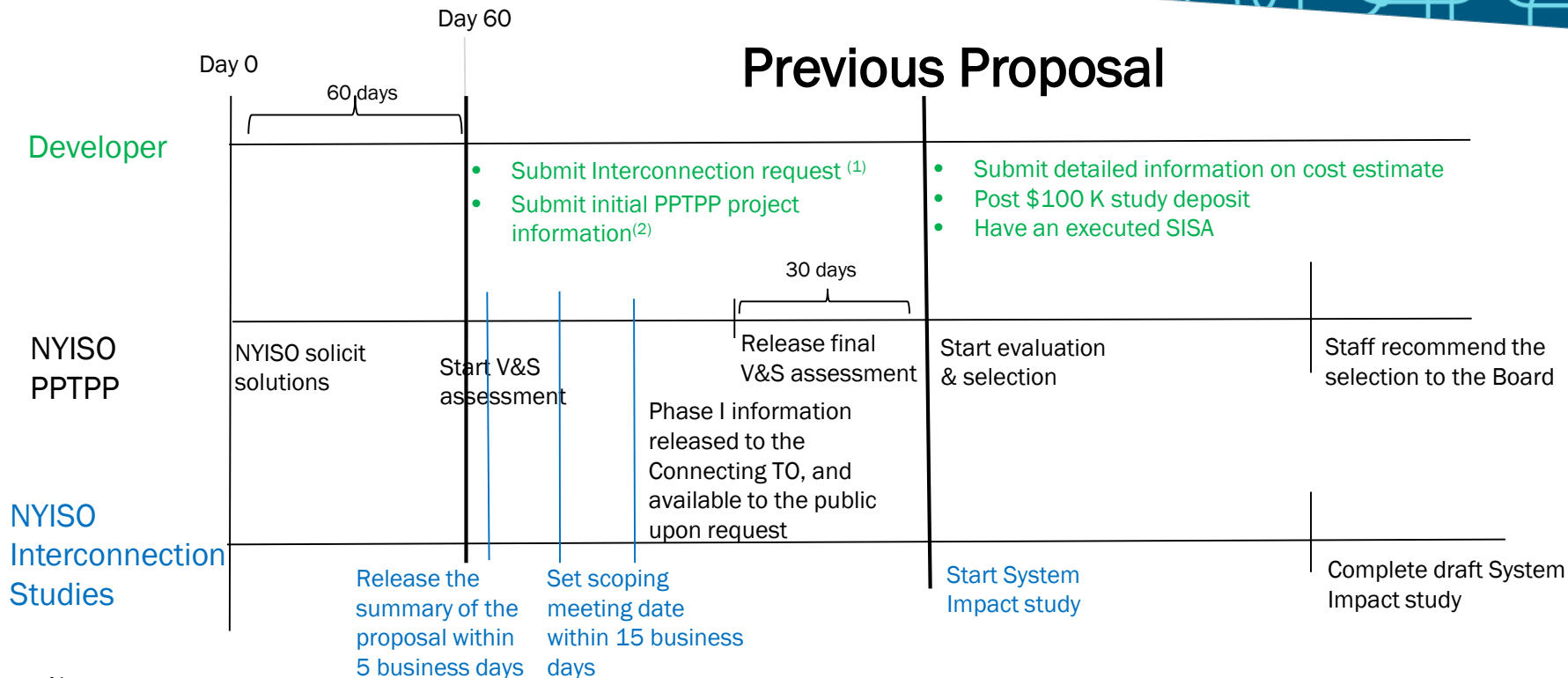
# Revised Proposal (cont.)

- **Within 60 days after the NYISO issues the formal solicitation, interested Developers will:**
  - Submit the complete project proposal to satisfy the PPTN, both redacted and unreacted versions
  - Submit the identical project proposals to Interconnection Studies
  - Provide \$10K non-refundable and \$100K study deposit for each project
- **Within 5 business days after the solicitation window closes, the NYISO will post a brief description of the project proposals.**

## Revised Proposal (cont.)

- **NYISO will file the final Viability & Sufficiency report at the NYPSC. Within 15 days of the PSC filing, the Developers of Viable and Sufficient projects will:**
  - Confirm with the NYISO that it intends to proceed in evaluation and selection
  - Demonstrate that it has an executed study agreement for an SIS

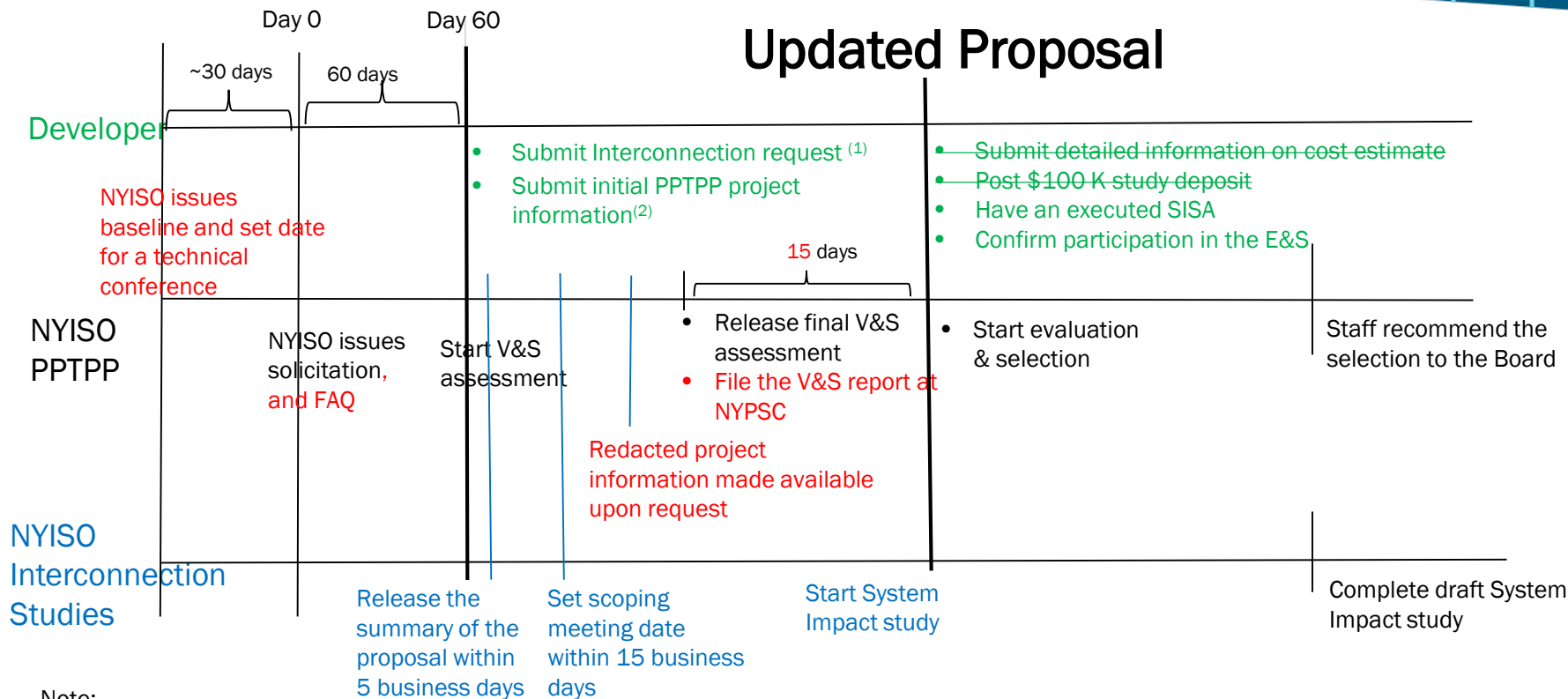
# Previous Proposal



Note:

1. TIP project descriptions needs to be identical to PPTP submission
2. Same items as required in the current Section 31.4.5.1, but modified into two phases.

# Updated Proposal



Note:

1. TIP project descriptions needs to be identical to PPTP submission
2. All required project information, and the \$10K non-refundable + \$100K study deposit; both redacted and un-redacted versions



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# Eliminate Pause Point

## ■ Proposal

- Eliminate the requirement for a PSC order for the NYISO to proceed with its evaluation of transmission solutions following the viability and sufficiency assessment.
- In the Western NY PPTN, the pause was approximately 5 months before the NYISO could proceed with evaluation and selection.
- The NYISO would begin the evaluation and selection of the more efficient or cost-effective transmission solution following the completion of the viability and sufficiency assessment and receipt of additional project information from the Developers (see Issue No. 1).
- PSC would retain the ability to cancel or modify the identified Public Policy Transmission Need prior to the NYISO Board of Director's selection of the more efficient or cost-effective solution, which would halt the NYISO's evaluation or result in an out-of-cycle process to address the modified need.

## ■ Tariff revision

- Section 31.4.6.7



# Interest on Study Deposits

- A \$100K study deposit is due with the project information submission for each project
- The interest rate paid to Developers on deposits will be the actual interest earned by the NYISO that remains after paying study costs, rather than interest accrued at the FERC rate.

# Additional Summary of Revisions

## Project Information Requirements

- Clarification and/or relocation of languages for project information requirement

## Study charge

- Section 31.4.7.2: Clarify that the scope of work by the NYISO to evaluate transmission projects for which developers pay is the work specified in Sections 31.4.7 through 31.4.11, and any supplemental evaluation or re-evaluation of the proposed projects.

## Confidentiality of Solutions

- Developers of a proposed Public Policy Transmission Project will submit two versions: (i) unredacted, and (ii) “Confidential Information” redacted. The definition is clarified in Section 31.4.15. CEII must be requested and provided in accordance with NYISO procedures.

# Short Term Process Improvement: Operating Agreement

- **Proposal**

- As indicated to FERC in the NYISO's filing of the TransCo Operating Agreement, the NYISO is revising the *pro forma* Operating Agreement in the tariff to conform with TransCo's Operating Agreement approved by FERC

- **Tariff revision:**

- Section 31.11 Appendix H – Form of Operating Agreement

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# CARIS: Extend the evaluation period to 20 years

- **Comments from stakeholders:**
  - Support: life cycles of transmission lines are well beyond 10 years. 20-year evaluation period is more consistent with the longevity of these assets
  - Oppose: not sufficient analysis to support extending the period to 20 years. The NYISO should consider changing the B/C ratio, and make the changes in the later CSPP review
- **NYISO has removed the proposed tariff revisions in this short-term process improvement proposal, but will integrate the discussion into the later CSPP review.**

# Next Steps

- The NYISO will return at the next ESPWG/TPAS at October 1 for further discussion.
- The NYISO plans to seek approval at the October BIC/OC/MC meetings for tariff changes, and approval for a Section 205 tariff filing from the Board of Directors at its November meeting.

# Questions?

We are here to help. Let us know if we can add anything.

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