



# Appendix J: Renewable Generation Pockets

## 2023-2042 System & Resource Outlook

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## Appendix J: Renewable Generation Pockets

This appendix discusses the congested hours for transmission constraints and deliverability of energy from renewable resources within the renewable generation pockets identified in the Contract and Policy Cases for simulation years 2030 and 2035. Previous pocket analysis performed for the 2021-2040 System and Resource Outlook (“prior Outlook”) focused on year 2030 for the Contract Case and years 2030 and 2035 for the Policy Case scenarios. The renewable generation pockets analysis examines the effects of increased renewable penetration connecting to the transmission network on specific areas within the system. This analysis shows likely locations of new renewable resource additions, likely congestion on the transmission network, and possible curtailment of resources due to congestion, competition, and other factors. This analysis also highlights how increasing transmission capability by upgrading transmission paths may help to alleviate congestion and provide increased energy deliverability of resources from constrained pockets.

### Renewable Generation Pocket Overview

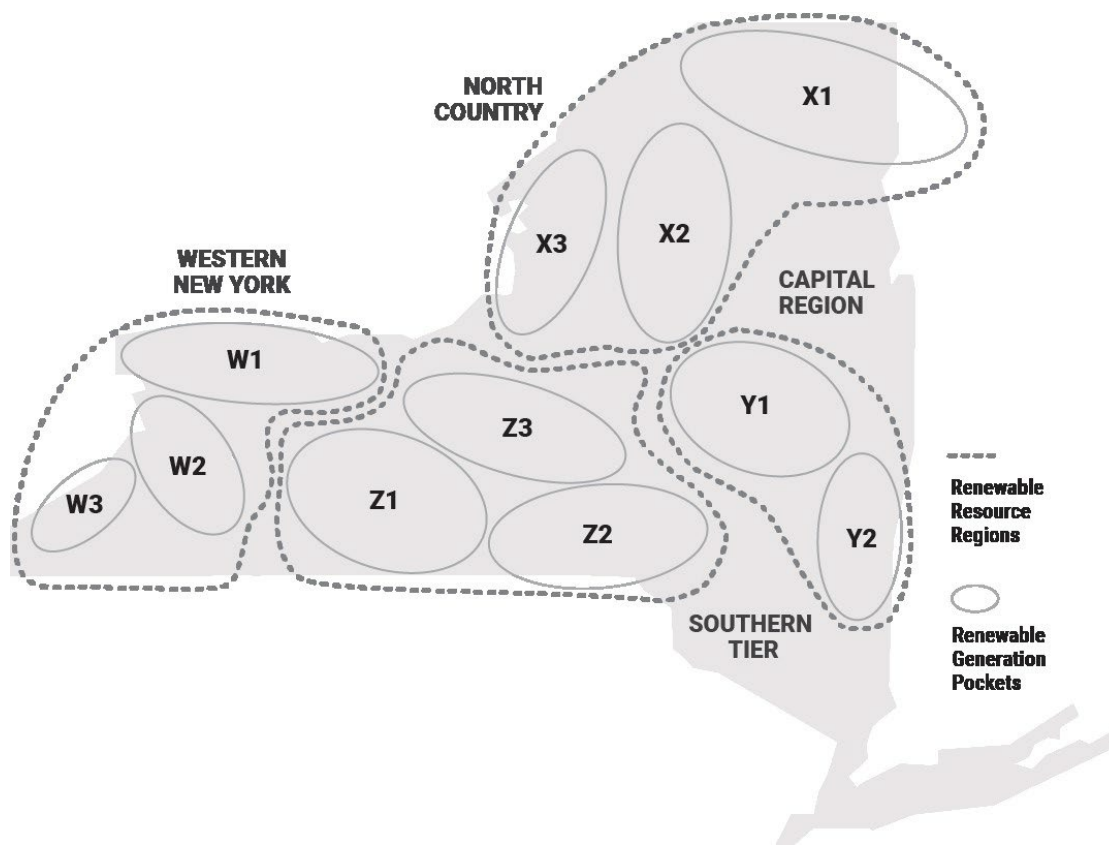
Consistent with the renewable generation pockets identified in the 70x30 Scenario 2019 from the CARIS Phase 1 and further evaluated in the prior Outlook, the renewable generation pockets are defined below. Each pocket (W, X, Y, and Z), along with corresponding sub-pockets (W1, X2, Y1, etc.), depicts a geographic grouping of renewable generation and the transmission constraints in a local area.

- **Western NY (Pocket W):** Western NY constraints, mainly 115 kV in Buffalo and Rochester areas:
  - 1) **W1:** Orleans-Rochester Wind (115 kV)
  - 2) **W2:** Buffalo Erie region Wind & Solar (115 kV)
  - 3) **W3:** Chautauqua Wind & Solar (115 kV)
- **North Country (Pocket X):** Northern NY constraints, including the 230 kV and 115 kV facilities in the North Country:
  - 1) **X1:** North Area Wind (mainly 230 kV in Clinton County)
  - 2) **X2:** Tug Hill Plateau Wind & Solar (mainly 115 kV in Lewis County)
  - 3) **X3:** Watertown Wind & Solar (115 kV in Jefferson & Oswego Counties)
- **Capital Region (Pocket Y):** Eastern NY constraints, mainly the 115 kV facilities in the Capital Region:
  - 1) **Y1:** Capital Region Solar Generation (115 kV in Montgomery County)

- 2) **Y2:** Hudson Valley Corridor (115 kV)
- **Southern Tier (Pocket Z):** Southern Tier constraints, mainly the 115 kV constraints in the Finger Lakes area:
  - 1) **Z1:** Finger Lakes Region Wind & Solar (115 kV)
  - 2) **Z2:** Southern Tier Transmission Corridor (115 kV)
  - 3) **Z3:** Central and Mohawk Area Wind and Solar (115 kV)

The renewable generation pocket analysis performed using these pocket definitions is based on the grouping of congested lines and resources that are likely to be curtailed within a localized area. The pocket definitions and locations are consistent between the Contract and Policy Cases. With the addition of new resources in the Policy Case (as informed by capacity expansion simulations for the Lower Demand scenario and Higher Demand scenario), significantly more renewable energy resources are added to the system in the Policy Case scenarios as compared to the Base and Contract Cases.

**Figure J-1: New York Renewable Generation Pockets Map**



## Contract Case (2030)

The Contract Case for the 2023-2042 System and Resource Outlook (Outlook) considers additional resources, incremental to the Base Case resources from NYSERDA's Large Scale Renewables Project database<sup>1</sup> that were awarded certificates from the Tier 1 and OREC solicitations. The Contract Case also includes additional transmission capability, such as the Clean Path NY HVDC line and approved Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades from various Transmission Owners. These transmission upgrades significantly increase the transmission capability of lines that the NYISO identified as congested in the pocket analysis studies in the prior Outlook. While curtailment of resources is not completely eliminated, the upgraded transmission paths provide additional transmission capability for resources to be connected to the bulk transmission system.

Since the Contract Case in the Outlook considers more renewable resource additions compared to the prior Outlook, increased competition between resources located in the same area could also contribute to some resources being curtailed. Apart from transmission constraints, generator-specific constraints, such as Must Run, Minimum Down Time, Minimum Run Time, Local Reliability Rules, that reduce flexibility in the operation of existing fossil resources to accommodate intermittent resources like wind and solar, can also cause curtailment.

The pocket analysis sections below show the renewable generation pockets for this Outlook's Contract Case and compares the pocket metrics (congested hours and energy deliverability) to the prior Outlook to highlight differences in assumptions and its effect on the pocket metrics. Constraints identified in the prior Outlook that are no longer congested or do not meet the greater than 100 congested hour threshold are highlighted in "Red" in the pocket maps and adjoining tables for constraints.

### Western New York (Pocket W)









The Western New York pocket contains large existing hydro resources, as well as a mix of new utility-scale solar (UPV) and land-based wind (LBW) resources (referred to as "Solar" and "Wind" in the figures below). UPV resources, mostly derived from the Contract Case, are located primarily in pocket W1. With upgrades in transmission paths throughout the region, this pocket shows less congestion than observed in previous studies.

As part of National Grid's Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades, several transmission paths

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<sup>1</sup> Large-Scale Renewable Projects Reported by NYSERDA: Beginning 2004, *available at* <https://data.ny.gov/Energy-Environment/Large-scale-Renewable-Projects-Reported-by-NYSERDA/dprp-55ye/data>.

in the Western New York pocket are upgraded in the Contract and Policy Cases. These lines appear as “Green” highlighted paths in the pocket diagrams in the following sections. The yellow and blue circles represent UPV and LBW awarded resources that are included in the Contract Case. Circles with a letter inside them (‘L’ for Lower Demand and ‘H’ for Higher Demand) indicate that the resources are only included in the respective scenario. Circles with a ‘+’ sign indicates that these resources are included in both Policy Case scenarios. This legend key applies to all figures for pockets in this appendix.

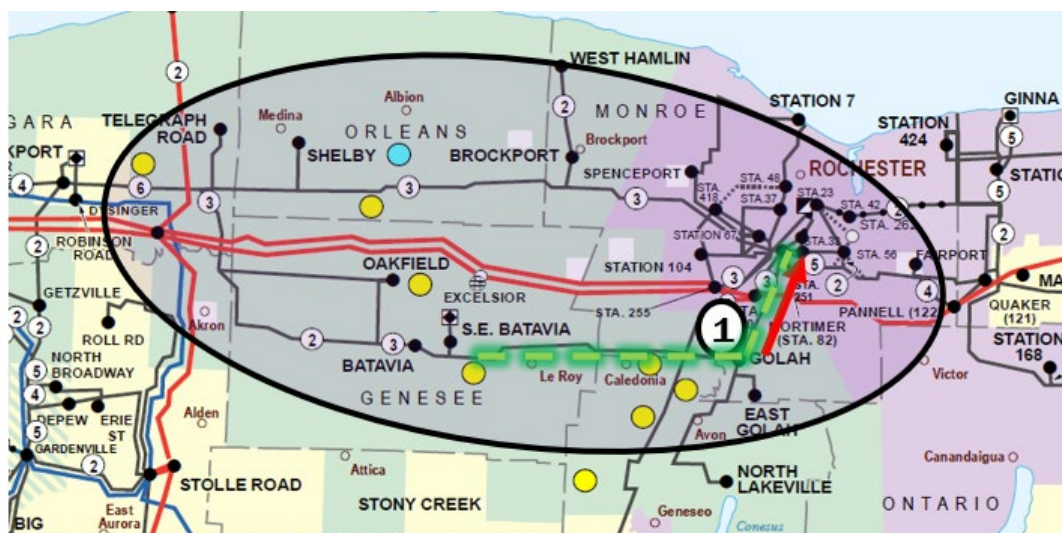
Key	Awarded Resource*	Lower	Higher	Lower + Higher
Wind				
Solar				

### Pocket W1

Pocket W1 is located in the Niagara-Orleans-Rochester area. The UPV resources in this pocket experience 4% more curtailment compared to the Contract Case in the prior Outlook. The LBW resource in the pocket experiences no curtailment. Addition of UPV resources in the pocket and congestion outside the boundaries of the pocket or in the bulk system can cause decreased deliverability of the resource.

There are no congested elements in this pocket meeting a threshold of greater than 100 congested hours. In the Contract Case for the prior Outlook, “Golah 115-Mortimer 115,” which is a 115 kV line feeding power into the Rochester area, was congested for 845 hours. This is denoted by the red arrow in the pocket map below. With transmission upgrades, the element now experiences 0 hours of congestion in the Contract Case. These transmission upgrades are indicated by dashed green lines in Figure J-2.

**Figure J-2: Pocket W1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	GOLAH115-MORTIMER 115	0	845

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	147	200	100%	100%
Solar	2,030	1,130	96%	99%

#### Pocket W2

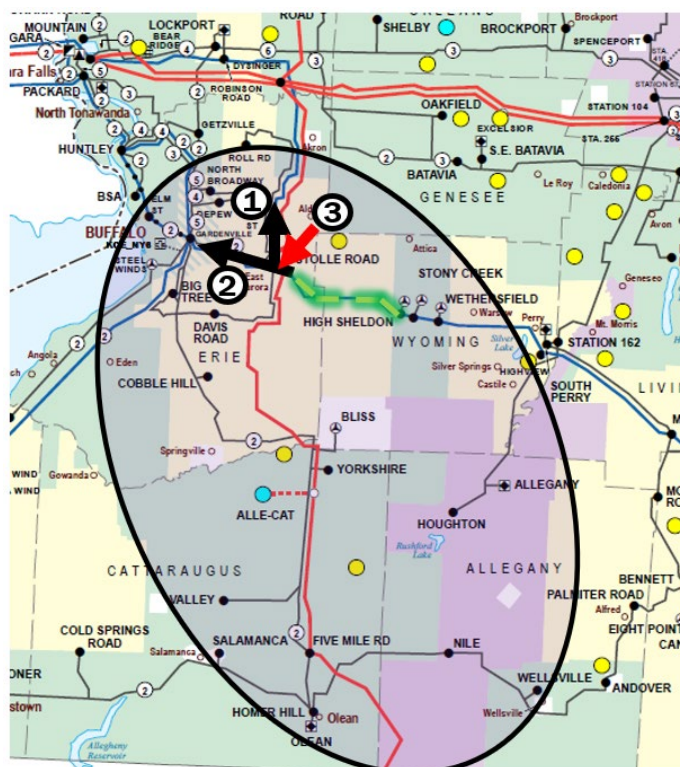
Pocket W2 is located in the Buffalo-Erie area. The binding constraints are on the 115 kV system in the Buffalo area. This area is west of pockets W1 and Z1 and north of pocket W3. Resources in adjacent pockets feed power to load center in this pocket leading to increased congestion on the lower kV system in this pocket.

Lines that the prior Outlook Contract Case identified as constrained now experience 0 hours of congestion with the transmission upgrades at the Stolle 345 kV substation. A newly limited line appears downstream of the upgraded path on Erie 115–Pavement Rd 115 kV, which is congested for 1,455 hours, while the Stolle 115–Girdle Rd 115 kV saw significantly reduced number of congested hours when compared to the prior Outlook.



Awarded LBW resources are curtailed slightly more than previous studies due to higher energy output from the resources.<sup>2</sup>

**Figure J-3: Pocket W2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	ERIE 115 115.00-PAVMT115 115.00	1,455	-
2	STOLLE115 115-GIRD115 155	132	3,816
3	STOLE115 115-STOLE345 345	-	2,040

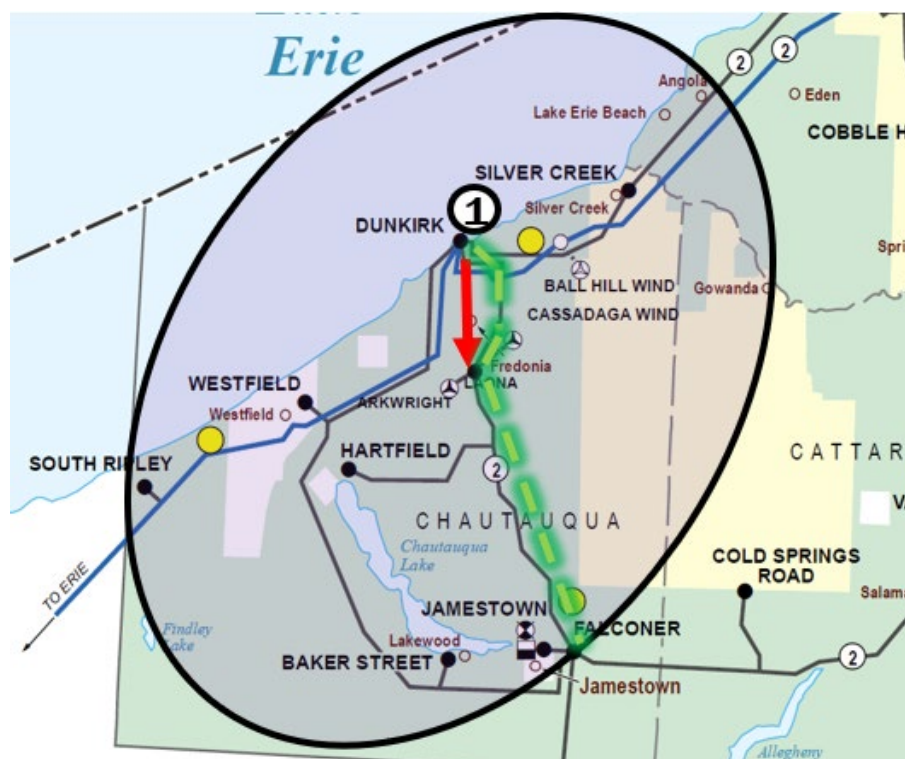
Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	813	813	97%	100%
Solar	60	60	99%	100%

<sup>2</sup> Renewable energy resources in the 2023-2042 Outlook utilized DNV shapes that have higher capacity factor compared to NREL or unit specific shapes used in the 2021-2040 Outlook.

### Pocket W3

Pocket W3 is located in Chautauqua County along the 230 kV line from Silver Creek-Dunkirk-Ripley. This pocket contains UPV resources connected to the Dunkirk–South Ripley 230 kV path, Dunkirk–Silver Creek 115 kV line, and facilities around the Falconer 115 kV substation. This pocket experiences no curtailment of resources, and the congested element present in the prior Outlook is no longer limiting.

**Figure J-4: Pocket W3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	EDNK-161 115-ARKWRIGHT 115	0	297

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	305	305	100%	100%
Solar	480	290	100%	100%



## **Pocket X – Northern New York**

The Northern New York pockets are located in Zone D (North) and Zone E (Mohawk Valley) and consist of existing large-scale LBW, hydro, and UPV resources with the addition of mostly UPV resources and few LBW resources in the Contract Case. As part of the Northern New York Transmission Project (Smart Path Connect), transmission upgrades have been built throughout all three sub-pockets to greatly reduce congestion on previously constraining paths.

Northern New York Pocket X1 contains points of interconnection for two lines from Hydro-Québec (i.e., HQ Chateauguay and HQ Cedars). The flows on these lines are modeled as fixed net imports from Quebec to New York. The flows are based on levels as observed for a historical year. The imports do not have any negative bids modeled. Compared to other resources that receive Renewable Energy Certificates (REC), the imports from HQ will be higher in curtailment order in the production cost simulations.

### **Pocket X1**

Pocket X1 is located in Zone D along the 230 kV path from Moses to Plattsburgh. This region consists of existing LBW resources along the path and additional UPV resources in the Contract Case. In the prior Outlook, this pocket had four constraining elements. The North Tie IESO:NY (comprised of L33 and L34 PARs) connects New York to Ontario and is the largest constraining element being congested for 75% of the year—approximately 1,000 hours less than it was in the prior Outlook. The PARs that makeup the North Tie IESO:NY are set to zero scheduled flow in the day-ahead market and allowed to move in real-time operations to direct flows between New York and Ontario. Three of the constraining elements that the prior Outlook identified have reduced limiting hours below the threshold and, therefore, are no longer identified as constrained. With significant capacity buildout of UPV, energy deliverability in the pocket has decreased.

This pocket also contains the St. Lawrence hydro resource, which is modeled as a fixed hourly resource in the production cost model for this Outlook. In the prior Outlook, this resource utilized the pondage model in MAPS, which allows the software to optimize the resource's output. Based on stakeholder feedback, this resource has limited pondage capability and would spill water if there is congestion in the system that requires curtailment of the resource. This resource's limitation is, therefore, captured by modeling it as a fixed resource that utilizes an annual hourly shape based on historical averages. This approach takes away some of the flexibility in the resource's operation offered by the pondage model leading to slightly higher curtailment levels.

Pocket X1 also contains upgrades to the transmission system compared to the Contract Case in



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	North Tie: IESO-NY	6,561	7,678
2	MOSES W 230.00-MNH3230 230.00	883	-
3	ALCOA-NM 115.00-ALCOA N 115.00	45	926
4	ALCOA-NM 115-DENNISON 115	22	782
5	NOEND115 115-PLAT 115 115	-	128

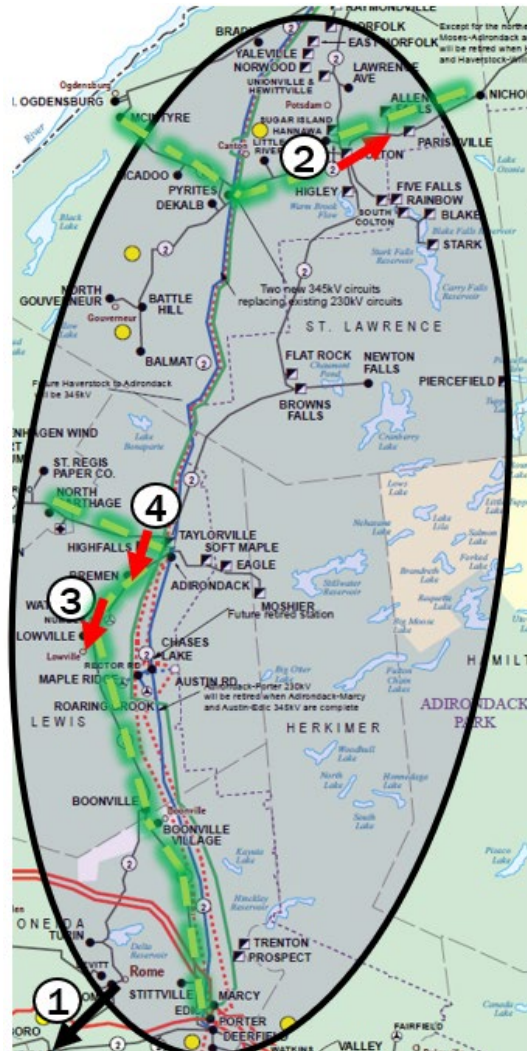
Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Hydro	1,149	1,049	98%	100%
HQ Imports	1,930	1,930	97%	100%
Wind	977	876	93%	100%
Solar	690	180	89%	100%

### Pocket X2

Pocket X2 is located in Zones D and E along the Moses–Adirondack–Porter path that connects upstream of the Central East interface. This pocket contains primarily UPV resources. The only limiting element is the Turning Stone–Sterling 115 kV line flowing southwest outside of the pocket at 200 limiting hours. In the prior Outlook, this pocket had three constraining lines that now have zero limiting hours as they are located on the paths updated as part of National Grid’s Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades. Energy deliverability has decreased slightly with the addition of UPV resources located along paths adjacent to the transmission upgrades. Moreover, since this pocket is upstream of Central East, congestion on that interface limits some generation in this pocket that would have otherwise served load further downstate.

The addition of two Boonville PARs as part of the Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades diverts power away from the Boonville–Turin–Rome circuits and towards the upgraded path along the Boonville–Porter path. This further increases congestion on Central East as the upgraded path is directly upstream of the Central East interface.

**Figure J-6: Pocket X2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	TRNG STN 115.00-STERLING 115.00	200	-
2	NICHOLVL 115-PARISHVL 115	-	515
3	LOWVILLE 115-Q531_POI 115	-	434
4	BREMEN 115-Q531_POI 115	-	182

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Hydro	252	250	97%	100%
Wind	505	505	96%	100%
Solar	80	35	92%	96%

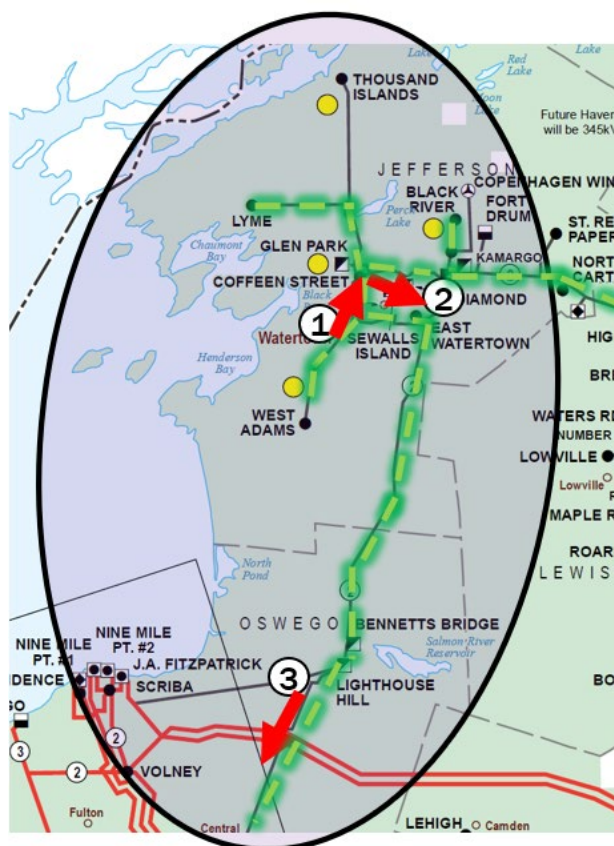
### Pocket X3

Pocket X3 encompasses the Jefferson and Oswego counties in Zone C (Central) and Zone E (Mohawk Valley). The pocket consists of a 115 kV system around Watertown with a 115 kV path from Watertown to the Lighthouse Hill 115 kV substation. Previously, this pocket had three constraining lines—two along the Coffeen 115 kV path ranging from 700–1,000+ limiting hours and one path flowing out of the pocket from Lighthouse Hill to Mallory. Transmission upgrades have been proposed on almost all lower kV lines in this pocket resulting in zero congested elements in the Contract Case. The energy deliverability improved greatly compared to the prior Outlook with UPV deliverability reaching 99% (as compared to 90%) even with an increase in the assumed UPV capacity. Hydro and LBW deliverability slightly decreased but continued to have high energy deliverability of 98%.

Pocket X3 was identified as a high-risk pocket in the prior Outlook due to the high likelihood of renewables being built in the area and insufficient transmission capacity on the existing 115 kV transmission system. With significant upgrades proposed, this Outlook identifies that pocket X3 has high energy deliverability in the Contract Case. Some of the observed curtailment could also be a result of this pocket feeding into Pocket X2 and eventually being limited by the congestion on the Central East interface.



**Figure J-7: Pocket X3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	COFFEEN 115-GLEN PRK 115	-	1,119
2	COFFEEN 115-E WTRTWN 115	-	748
3	HTHSE HL 115-MALLORY 115	-	591

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Hydro	150	155	98%	99%
Wind	80	80	98%	100%
Solar	469	369	99%	90%



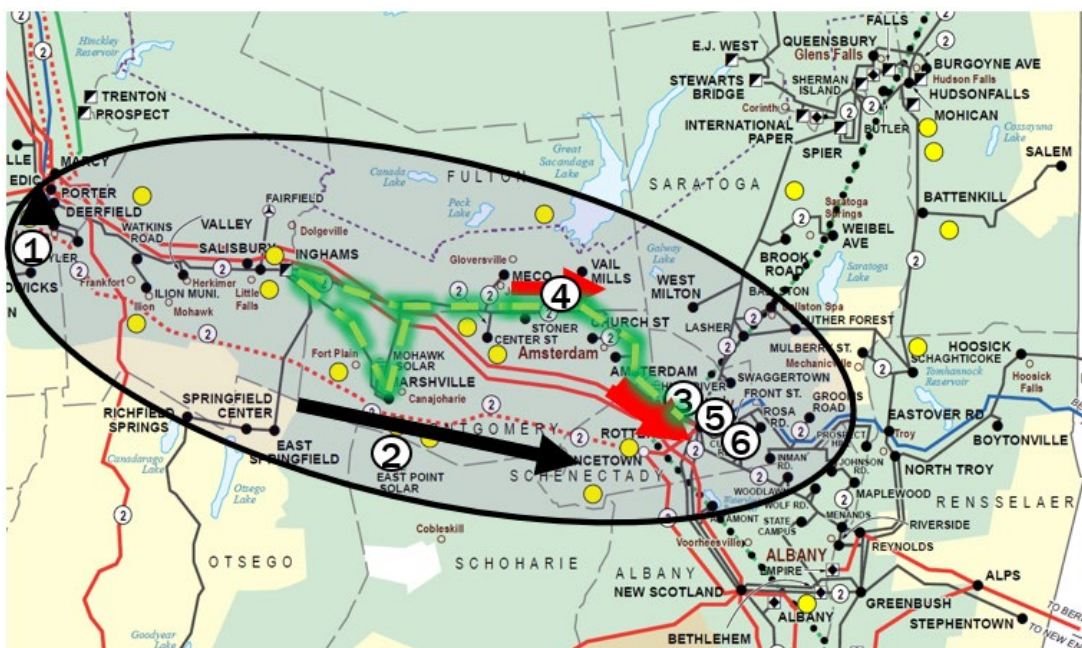
## **Pocket Y – Capital Region**

The Capital Region pockets are centered around the Albany metropolitan area and include areas in the Mohawk Valley and upper Hudson Valley regions. There is a large buildout of UPV resources in this area mainly along the 115 kV path flowing across Herkimer and Montgomery counties, as well as generation northeast outside of the pocket in Washington County. Bulk level transmission constraints in the area include Central East and New Scotland-Knickerbocker—both paths are historically congested throughout the year. The addition of UPV resources along with this pocket being downstream of major interfaces carrying power from upstate to downstate causes high levels of congestion.

### **Pocket Y1**

Pocket Y1 contains a large amount of awarded UPV resources increasing the capacity from 961 MW from the prior Outlook's Contract Case to 1,700 MW. These resources are spread along the 345/115 kV path spanning Herkimer and Montgomery counties. In the prior Outlook's Contract Case, this pocket had four elements meeting the congestion threshold. In this Outlook, these lines all show reduced congestion under the threshold consistent with the transmission upgrades highlighted in the pocket. The constrained element in the current study is the 115 kV line from Deerfield to Porter at 904 limiting hours. Central East has become more limited with 2,020 hours as compared to 234 hours in the prior Outlook's Contract Case. With the addition of many UPV resources and being located downstream of resources and constrained elements from pocket X, pocket Y1 faces slightly lower energy deliverability of UPV and hydro resources than the prior Outlook. Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades within this pocket include upgrades to the Inghams PAR and transmission line upgrades to the 115 kV circuits east of Inghams as shown in the figure below. Since the PAR is proposed to operate in a way to direct flow west to east, it further increases flow and hence congestion on the Central East interface. UPV resources connected west of the upgraded path show increased curtailment.

**Figure J-8: Pocket Y1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	DEERFD-H 115.00-PORTER 1 115.00	904	-
2	Central East	2020	234
3	RTRDM1 115-Q638POI 115	-	1,200
4	STONER 115-VAIL TAP 115	-	882
5	AMST 115 115-Q638POI 115	-	302
6	Q638POI 115-AMST 115 115	-	293

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Hydro	32	32	94%	100%
Wind	74	74	99%	97%
Solar	1,700	961	94%	96%

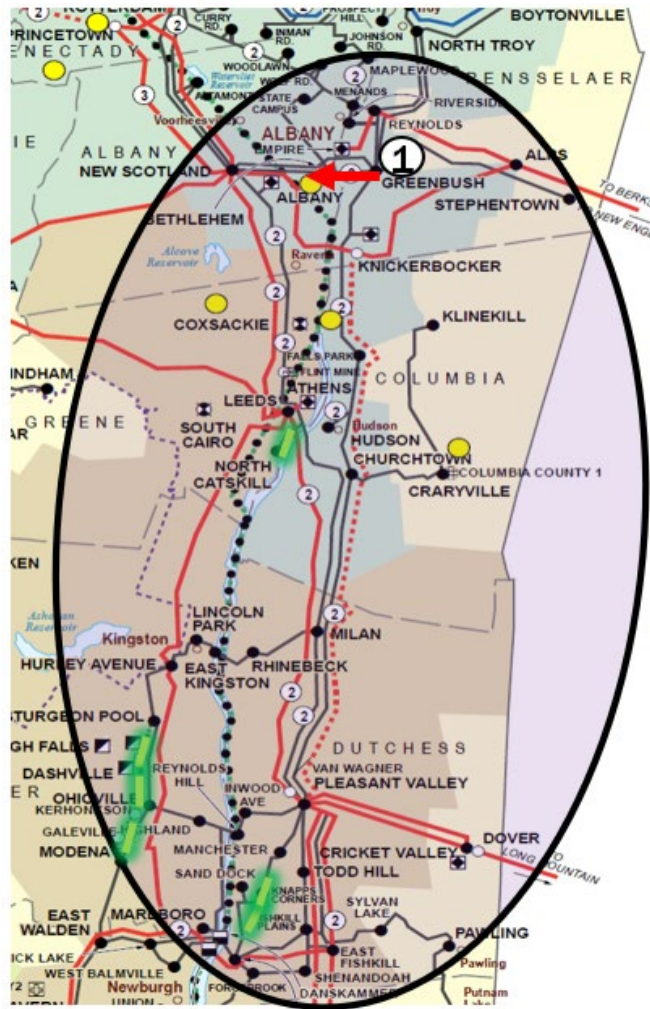
**Pocket Y2**

Pocket Y2 is located south of the Albany metro area in the upper Hudson Valley. This pocket consists mainly of higher level 345 kV lines carrying power from the Capital Region into Hudson Valley and down to load centers in New York City and Long Island. This pocket has no constraining elements. The transmission upgrades made throughout the pocket, which are downstream of the congested constraint present in the prior Outlook Contract Case, have reduced those previously identified constraints to zero limiting hours.

The energy deliverability for UPV resources in the pocket has decreased slightly from 100% to 98%, consistent with the addition of UPV capacity. Of note, pocket Y2 is located downstream of pocket Y1, and additional UPV generation is located outside of this pocket (i.e., north of Albany). These factors lead to a reduction in energy deliverability in this pocket.

Hydro curtailment increases due to the fixed hourly modeling compared to pondage model in the prior Outlook and leads to 94% energy deliverability.

**Figure J-9: Pocket Y2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	JMC2+9TP 115-PC W +MG 115	0	702

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Hydro	25	25	94%	100%
Solar	290	250	98%	100%

## **Pocket Z – Southern Tier**

Pocket Z is located along the southern border of New York State in Zone C (Central) and Zone E (Mohawk Valley). Large buildouts of UPV resources are located in this area. This pocket contains significant bulk level and lower kV transmission networks that connect resources in Western New York and the Finger Lakes to bulk transmission leading to major interfaces, such as Central East and Marcy-South, delivering power to the rest of the state. The lower kV transmission networks across all three sub-pockets have undergone upgrades as part of the Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades.

### **Pocket Z1**

Pocket Z1 is located along the 230 kV path from South Perry to Hillside, the 115 kV circuits around Bennett substation, the 115 kV circuit from Hillside to North Waverly, and the Watercure 345 kV bus. This large pocket spans multiple counties and includes a variety of transmission paths for resources to interconnect. In the Contract Case from the prior Outlook, the North Waverly 115 to East Sayre and Louns 115 to Stagecoach 115 met the congestion threshold of over 100 limiting hours at 3,225 and 170 hours, respectively.

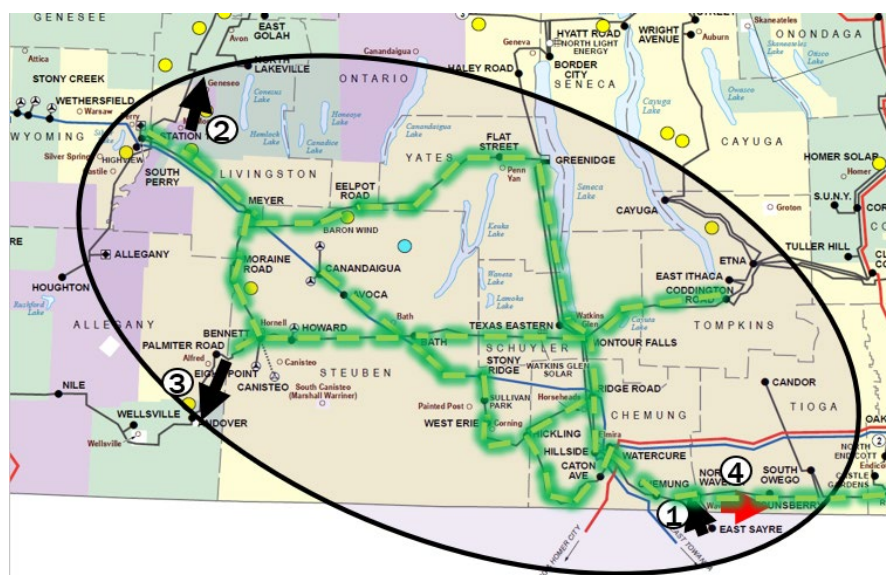
In this Contract Case, three constraining elements are present. The 115 kV North Waverly to East Sayre<sup>3</sup> has increased limiting hours to 4,247 hours, while Louns to Stagecoach is no longer congested. Newly constrained lines include the South Perry to Station 158 115 kV line is limiting 1,032 hours of the year and Palmiter Road 115 kV line to Andover at 251 hours. These lines are just outside of the transmission upgrades built in the pocket. UPV buildout has increased greatly in this pocket and increased capacity by 522 MW. LBW capacity in this pocket, however, is lower than what was assumed in the prior Outlook. Energy deliverability remains high at 99% for UPV and 100% for LBW.

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<sup>3</sup> North Waverly to East Sayre 115 kV line is an inter-pool tie line that has its own operational protocol. Congestion on this line is reported in this study for informational purposes only.



**Figure J-10: Pocket Z1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	N.WAV115 115.00-26E.SAYR 115.00	4,247	3,225
2	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	1,032	-
3	PALMT115 115.00-ANDOVER1 115.00	251	-
4	LOUN115 115-STAGECOA 115	-	170

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	691	720	100%	100%
Solar	927	405	99%	100%

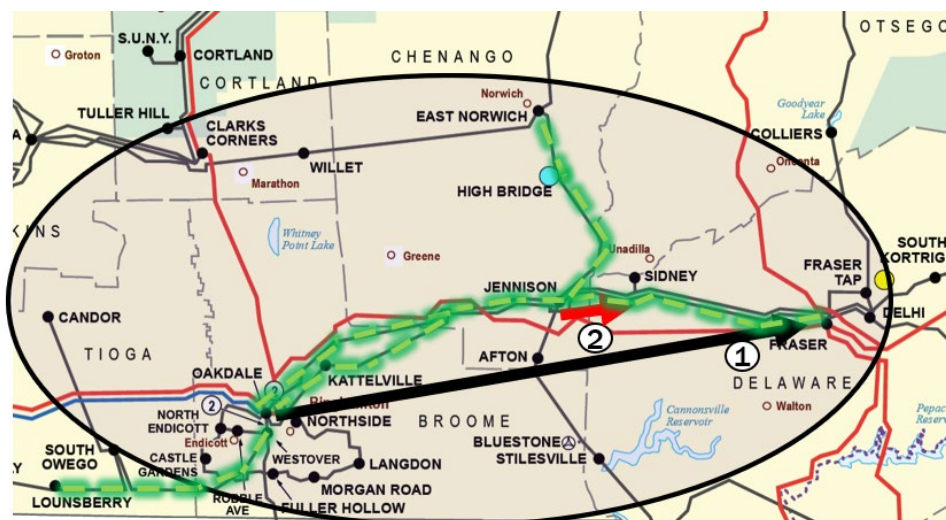
### Pocket Z2

Pocket Z2 is located along the 345/115 kV corridor from Oakdale to the Fraser substation and contains the 115 kV section from East Norwich to Jennison. In the prior Outlook's Contract Case, this pocket had one constraining element—Jennison 115 to Sidney with 542 limiting hours. This line is located along the path that underwent transmission upgrades and now experiences zero limiting hours. The only constraining element is the Fraser to Oakdale 345 kV line at 150 hours that



extends across the whole pocket. The capacity of UPV has increased greatly with 205 MW compared the 60 MW in the prior Outlook. Due to the large UPV capacity buildout as compared to the prior Outlook, energy deliverability has lowered slightly to 97% for UPV, while LBW has increased to 100% deliverability.

**Figure J-11: Pocket Z2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours	
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
1	FRASR345 345.00-OAKDL345 345.00	150	-
2	JENN 115 115-SIDNT115 115	-	542

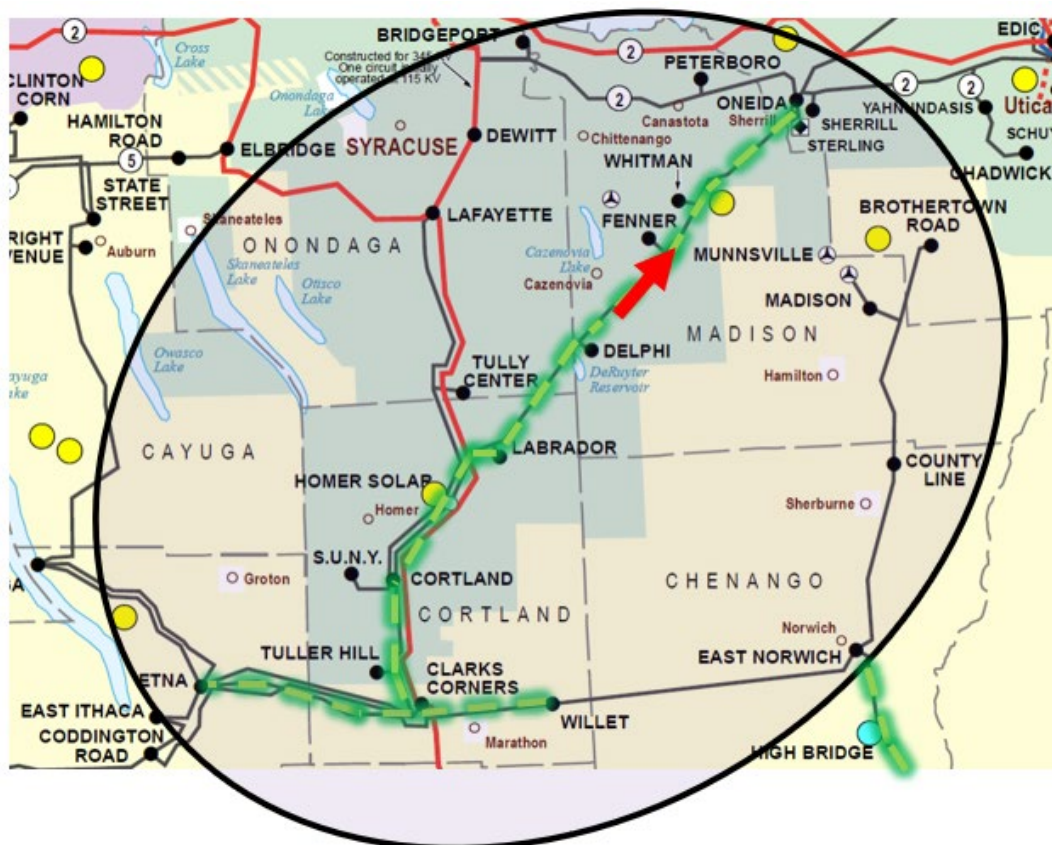
  

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	213	213	100%	99%
Solar	205	60	97%	100%

Pocket Z3 Pocket Z3 is located along the 345/115 kV corridor from Lafayette-Clarks Corners substation and the 115 kV circuit from Clarks Corners to Oneida substation. Consistent with the prior Outlook's Contract Case, there are no constraining elements. The UPV capacity has nearly doubled in this pocket from 150 MW to 290 MW. The energy deliverability follows the buildout of

resources, slightly lowering from 100% deliverability to 99% for UPV and 98% for LBW deliverability.

**Figure J-12: Pocket Z3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2030)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Policy S1
1	WHITMAN 115-FEN-WIND 115	0	-	128

Type	Capacity (MW)		Energy Deliverability (%)	
	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case	2023 Outlook Contract Case	2021 Outlook Contract Case
Wind	76	76	98%	100%
Solar	290	150	99%	100%

### Summary Pocket Metrics (2030)

Contract Case (2030)					
Pocket	Type	Capacity (MW)	Scheduled Energy (GWh)	Curtailement (GWh)	Energy Deliverability (%)
W1	Wind	147	392	0	100%
	Solar	2,030	4,016	181	96%
W2	Wind	813	2,271	61	97%
	Solar	60	95	1	99%
W3	Wind	305	843	1	100%
	Solar	480	799	4	100%
X1	Hydro	1,155	7,401	181	98%
	HQ Imports	1,930	10,798	340	97%
	Wind	977	2,613	186	93%
	Solar	690	1,336	145	89%
X2	Hydro	252	1,238	39	97%
	Wind	505	1,386	55	96%
	Solar	80	128	10	92%
X3	Hydro	224	658	14	98%
	Wind	80	217	4	98%
	Solar	469	879	12	99%
Y1	Hydro	32	100	5	94%
	Wind	74	182	3	99%
	Solar	1,700	3,305	189	94%
Y2	Hydro	39	101	7	94%
	Wind	-	-	-	-
	Solar	290	512	11	98%
Z1	Wind	691	1,890	4	100%
	Solar	927	1,707	15	99%
Z2	Wind	213	701	0	100%
	Solar	205	389	14	97%
Z3	Wind	76	189	2	98%
	Solar	290	539	8	99%

## Policy Case (2035)

For purposes of the renewable generation pocket analysis, the NYISO analyzed two scenarios in the Policy Case (i.e., Lower Demand and Higher Demand) for this Outlook to assess various potential resource mixes to satisfy policy achievement for the 20-year study horizon. Additional detail on these scenarios and resulting resource mixes are included in Appendix H: Capacity Expansion Model Results. The renewable generation pocket analysis for the Policy Case is performed for the year 2035 to highlight potential progression of the impacts of increased resource buildout without additional transmission upgrades beyond year 2030.

Resources studied in the Contract Case are included as firm resources in each Policy Case scenario. Between 2030 and 2035, renewable capacity increases by approximately 4 GW in the Lower Demand scenario and 18 GW in the Higher Demand scenario. This buildout is a mix of LBW resources located mainly in Pockets W and Y and UPV resources in Pockets X and Y. Placement of generic resources in the Policy Case scenarios leverages the NYISO's Interconnection Queue<sup>4</sup> for LBW and UPV, as well as NYSERDA's LSR Supply Curve analysis.<sup>5</sup> Congestion on transmission constraints within the pockets remains low as a result of NYPA's Smart Path project and the Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades assumed to be included on the lower kV system.

### Pocket W – Western New York

Pocket W includes three large loads indicated in Figure J-13 below with orange triangles. While located outside of designated pockets W1, W2, and W3, the large loads are served by transmission lines within the pockets and impact energy deliverability and curtailment. The blank yellow and blue circles on the map represent UPV and LBW awarded resources added in the Contract Case included as of the lockdown date of the study.<sup>6</sup> Circles with an L or H in the middle represent resources added in only the Lower Demand scenario and Higher Demand scenario, respectively. Circles with a plus sign (“+”) indicate resources that were added in both Policy Case scenarios.

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<sup>4</sup> NYISO's Interconnection Queue (last updated January 31, 2024): <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/1394430/NYISO-Interconnection-Queue-1-31-24.xlsx>

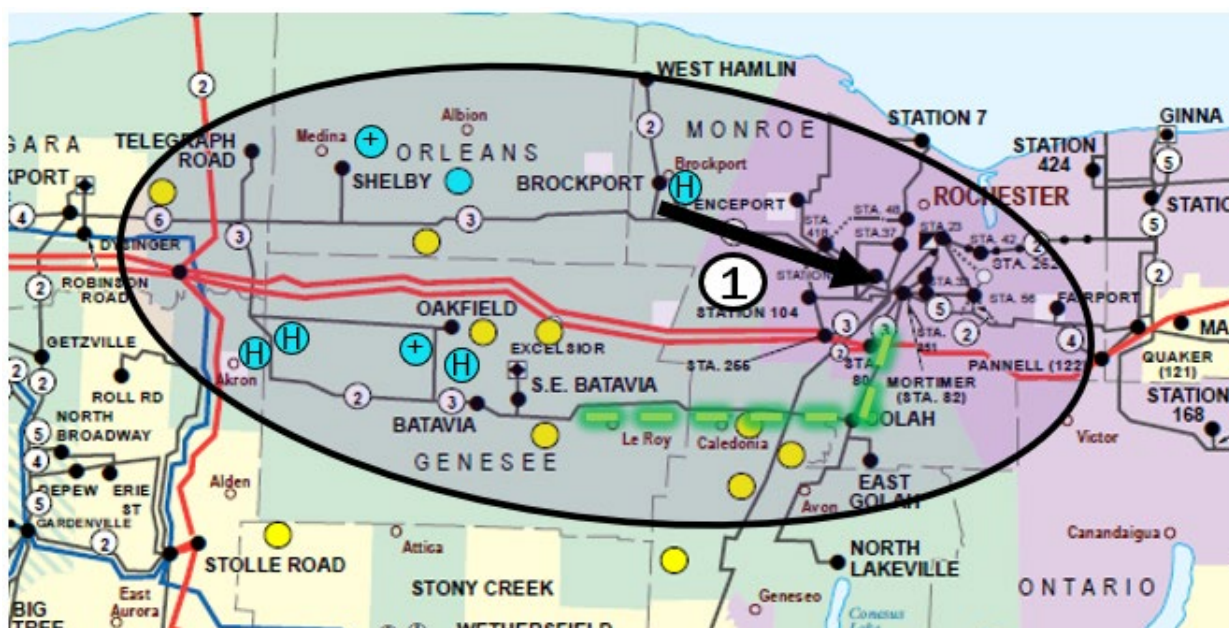
<sup>5</sup> [Supply curve analysis](#) undertaken by NYSERDA and consultants in 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Lockdown date for the Contract Case was October 30, 2023.





**Figure J-14: Pocket W1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	MORTIMER 115.00-SWDN-113 115.00	-	243	3,407

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	147	339	1,001	100%	100%	83%
Solar	2,030	2,030	2,030	96%	92%	94%

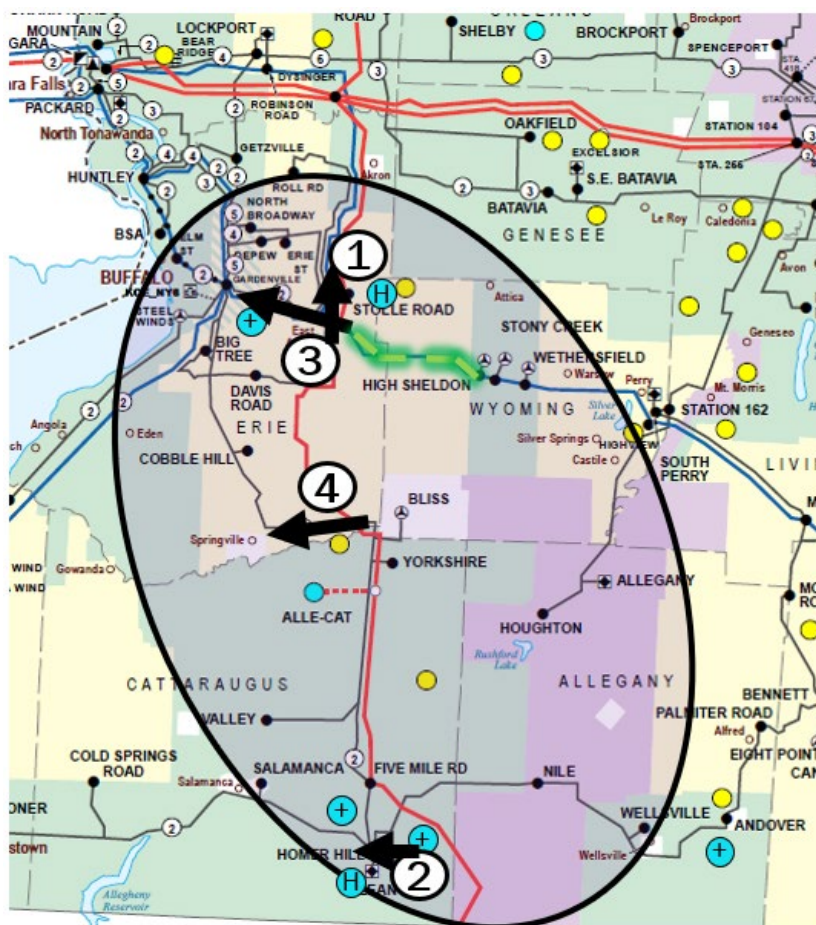
#### Pocket W2

Pocket W2 is south of Buffalo along the Stolle-Five Mile 345 kV corridor and includes portions of the eastern path out of Stolle 230 kV towards South Perry. The addition of LBW resources incrementally increases between the Contract Case, Lower Demand scenario, and again with the Higher Demand scenario and causes congestion on constraints that were not present in the Contract Case. The two constraints previously binding—Erie to Pavement and Stolle to Girdle—are upstream of transmission upgrades and experience similar congested hours in both the Contract Case and the Policy Case. Freedom to Bixby Hill becomes heavily congested in the Higher Demand



scenario at 2,570 hours compared to only 6 hours in the Lower Demand scenario. Congestion in the pocket increases near load centers seen in Figure J-15 and on lines that feed into these load centers. Though the LBW capacity and number of constraints increase, energy deliverability in the pocket remains high. The location of the LBW resources near each transmission line may work to reduce curtailment.

**Figure J-15: Pocket W2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



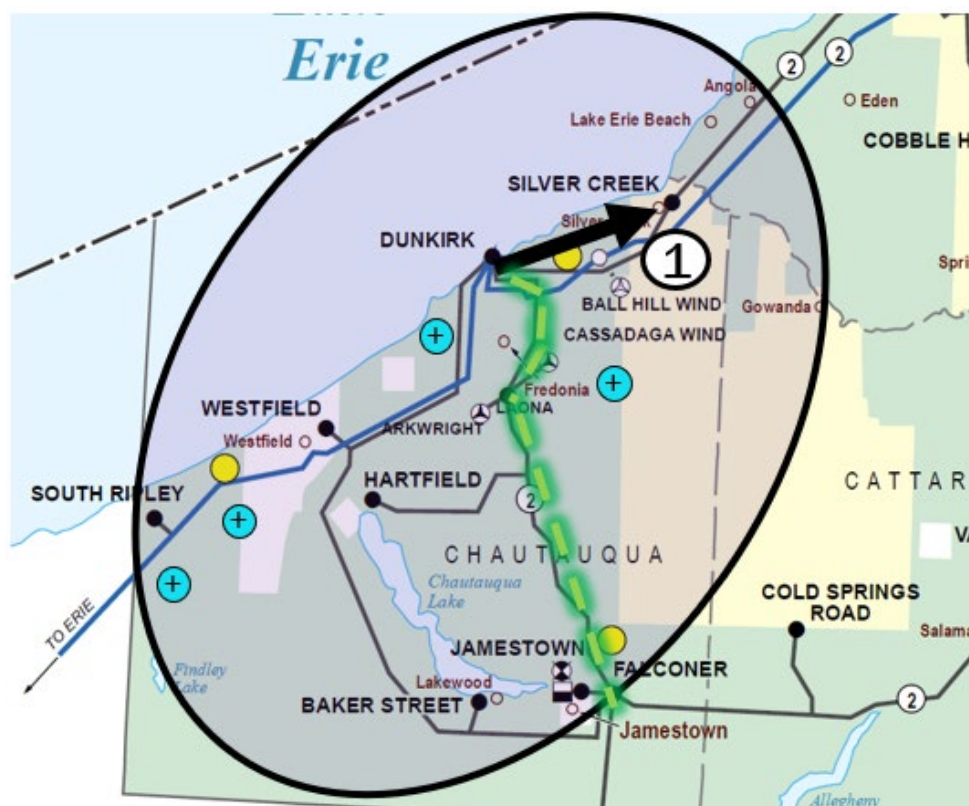
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	ERIE 115 115.00-PAVMT115 115.00	1,455	1,897	2,413
2	DUGN-157 115.00-HOMERHIL 115.00	-	438	479
3	STOLLE115 115-GIRDLE RD 115	132	183	265
4	FREEDOM 115.00-BIXBY_HL 115.00	11	6	2,570

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	813	1,476	1,959	97%	98%	95%
Solar	60	60	60	99%	99%	99%

### Pocket W3

Congestion in Pocket W3 increases in year 2035 with the addition of LBW resources in both Policy Case scenarios. These LBW resources increase congestion on the 115 kV path from Dunkirk to Silver Creek causing it to be constrained from zero hours in the Contract Case to 1,707 and 1,750 in the Lower and Higher Demand scenarios, respectively. This constraint is upstream of the LBW resources and transmission upgrades in the pocket. As a result of large renewable capacity added in the area and limited transmission paths, energy deliverability is lower for LBW and UPV in the Higher Demand scenario.

**Figure J-16: Pocket W3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



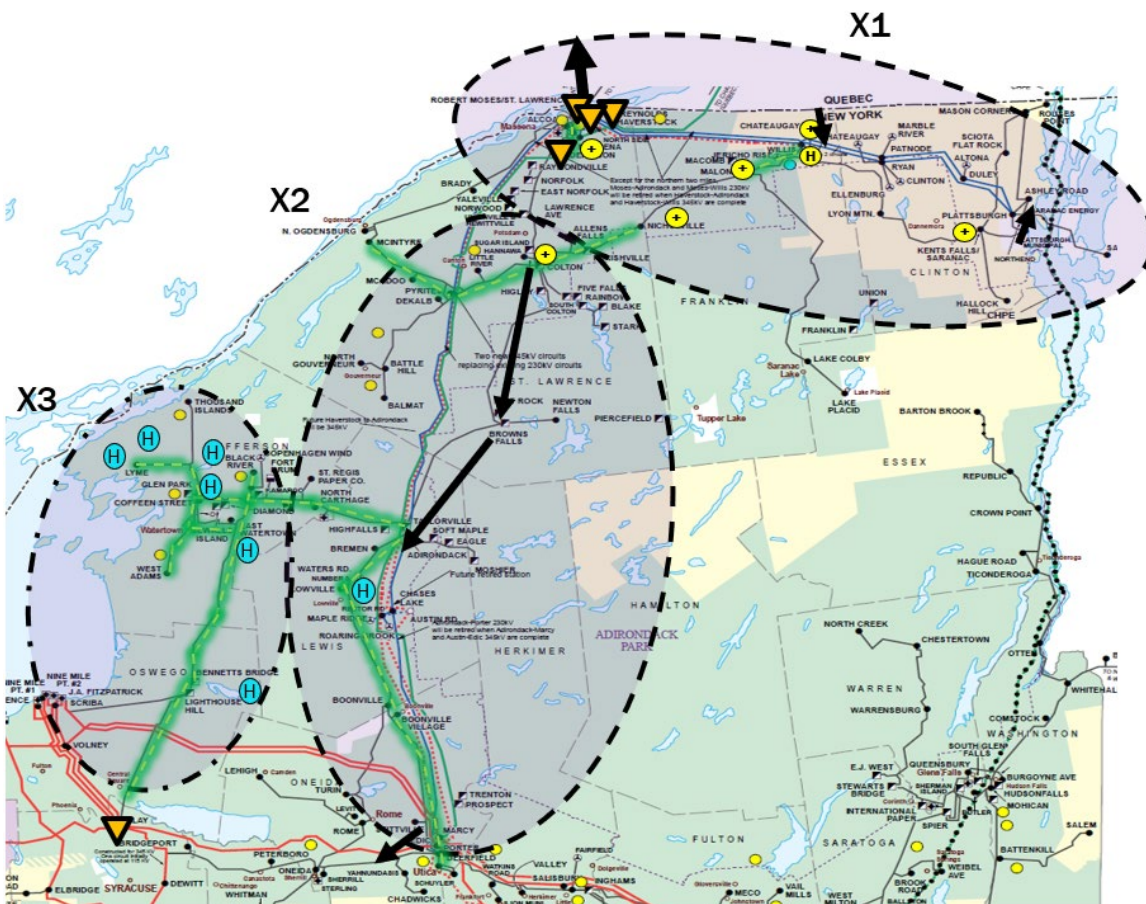
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	SLVRC141 115.00-DUNKIRK1 115.00	-	1,707	1,750

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	305	894	917	100%	95%	94%
Solar	480	480	480	100%	95%	93%

### Pocket X – Northern New York

In year 2035, Pocket X has significant increases in both LBW and UPV capacity. UPV resources are largely located in pocket X1, and LBW resources are located in pocket X3. Indicated by the orange triangles, large loads in the area are connected to Zones D and E in pocket X1 and outside of pocket X3. Extensive transmission upgrades indicated by green highlights in Figure J-17, below, have been made throughout the region. These upgrades occur on constraints that flow across pockets, affecting energy deliverability within and adjacent to the constrained pocket.

Figure J-17: Pocket X Summary Map (2035)



### Pocket X1

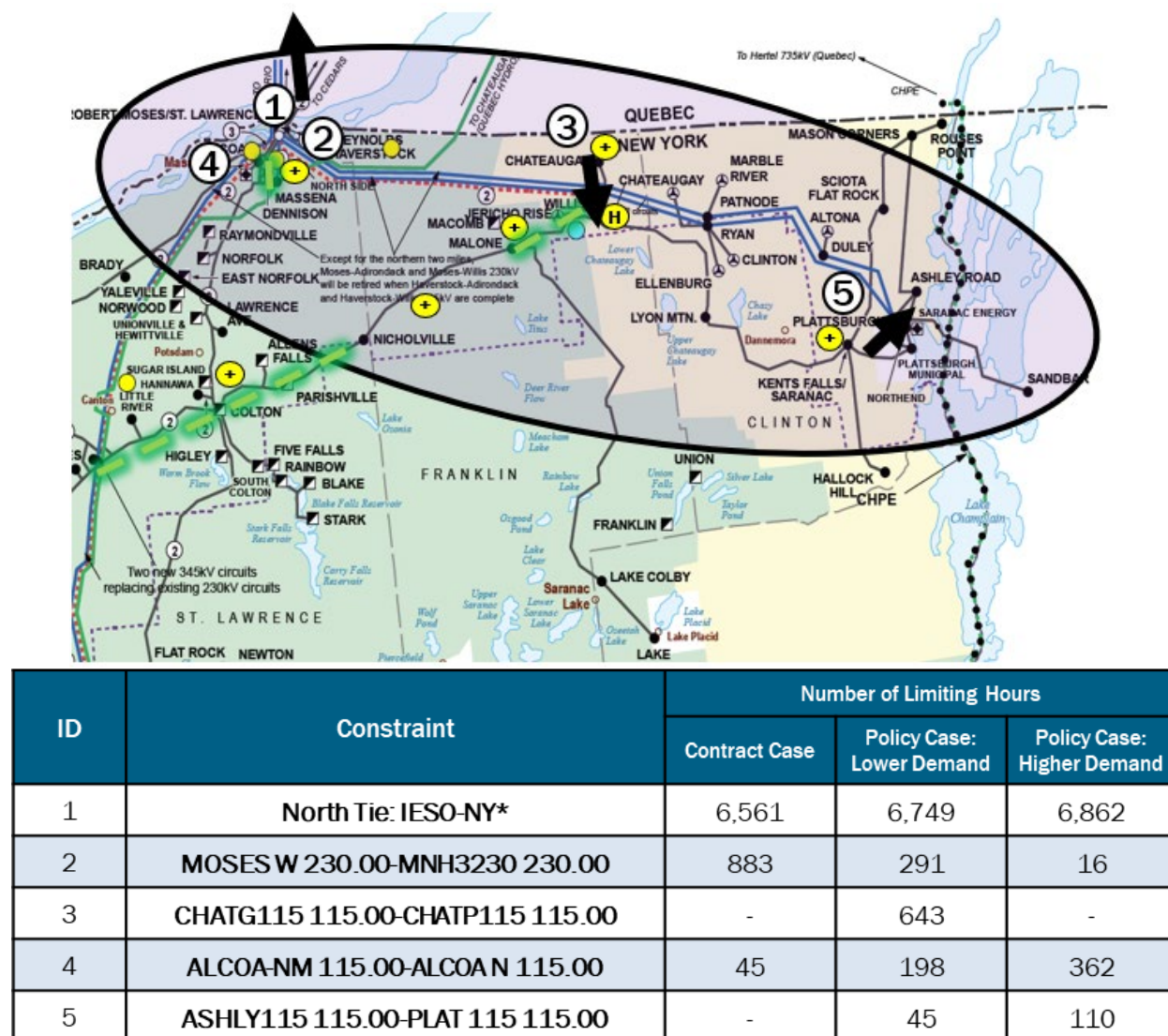
The UPV capacity in the Policy Case scenarios for Pocket X1 doubles as compared to the Contract Case. The majority of constraints and congested hours appear in the Lower Demand scenario with the initial introduction of additional UPV resources. Energy deliverability reduces for hydro and LBW resources, while UPV increases from 89% to 94%. For instance, one UPV resource is added in the Higher Demand scenario and the number of congestion hours on all constraints reduce except for the 115 kV line from Alcoa NM to Alcoa N. Energy deliverability improves in the Higher Demand scenario with reduced congestion on the lines. The observed high deliverability is correlated with the high number of large loads in Zone D being located within this pocket around Massena.

The Policy Case scenarios assume reduced imports from HQ over the existing HQ Chateaugay



and HQ Cedar ties.<sup>7</sup> Reduction in fixed imports from HQ over these ties allows for internal New York renewable generation in Pocket X1 to generate more, especially in the Higher Demand scenario with increased load demand. The import flow reduction also reduces the number of hours the Moses 230 kV – New Haverstock 230 kV constraint is limited in both Policy Case scenarios.

**Figure J-18: Pocket X1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



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<sup>7</sup> Existing HQ imports assumed to be reduced to approximately 53% of historical levels while prioritizing imports over Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) and New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) lines. Refer to Appendix C: Capacity Expansion Assumptions Matrix for further details.

<sup>8</sup> North Tie: IESO-NY congestion is reported for information only as operation protocols will dictate the operation of this line. The number of congested hours on this tie line remain consistent across the cases.

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Hydro	1,149	1,149	1,149	98%	96%	94%
HQ Imports	1,930	1,930	1,930	97%	96%	94%
Wind	977	977	977	93%	91%	90%
Solar	690	1,308	1,396	89%	94%	92%

### Pocket X2

In Pocket X2, UPV capacity is added in both Policy Case scenarios and LBW capacity is added in the Higher Demand scenario by 2035. Two new constraints appear at the 115 kV level with Colton to Flat Rock and Browns Falls to Taylorville. These two constraints are between transmission upgrades that have been made north and south of the pocket. Downstream of the added UPV resource and other resources in Pocket X1, energy deliverability greatly reduces in the Lower Demand scenario. The energy deliverability of all resources improves for Hydro and UPV resources and the number of congested hours on the new constraints reduces due to the higher loads assumed in this scenario.



**Figure J-19: Pocket X2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



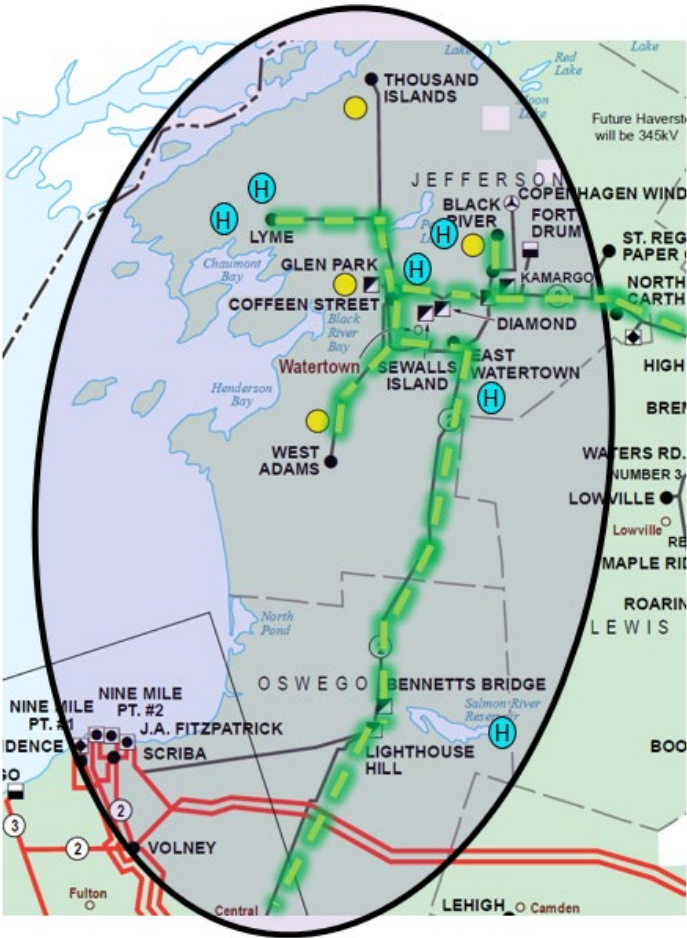
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	COLTON 115.00-FLAT RCK 115.00	-	1,154	512
2	TRNG STN 115.00-STERLING 115.00	200	692	182
3	BRNS FLS 115.00-TAYLORVL 115.00	-	241	109

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Hydro	252	252	252	97%	89%	93%
Wind	505	505	583	96%	95%	94%
Solar	80	244	250	92%	87%	93%

### Pocket X3

Significant buildout of LBW capacity occurs in Pocket X3 for the Higher Demand scenario from 80 MW to 932 MW, while hydro and UPV capacity remains the same. Extensive upgrades as part of the Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades have been made to this pocket, which eliminate previously congested elements. Results show that lines in the pocket remain unconstrained at zero limiting hours across all scenarios. Although there are no congested elements within the pocket, there is some curtailment of hydro and UPV resources. Pocket X3 has lines connected to Pockets X2 and Y1. As resources are added to these areas, lines may become congested and limit energy deliverability. The large load shown in Figure J-17 is also connected to the Clay bus located directly downstream of the pocket. At the bulk level, the Central East interface is a limiting element for resources in Pocket X and Pocket Y. Resources in Pockets X2 and X3 have an effect on the Central East flow that may cause an increase of limiting hours that, in turn, could restrict deliverability of generation across pockets.

**Figure J-20: Pocket X3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



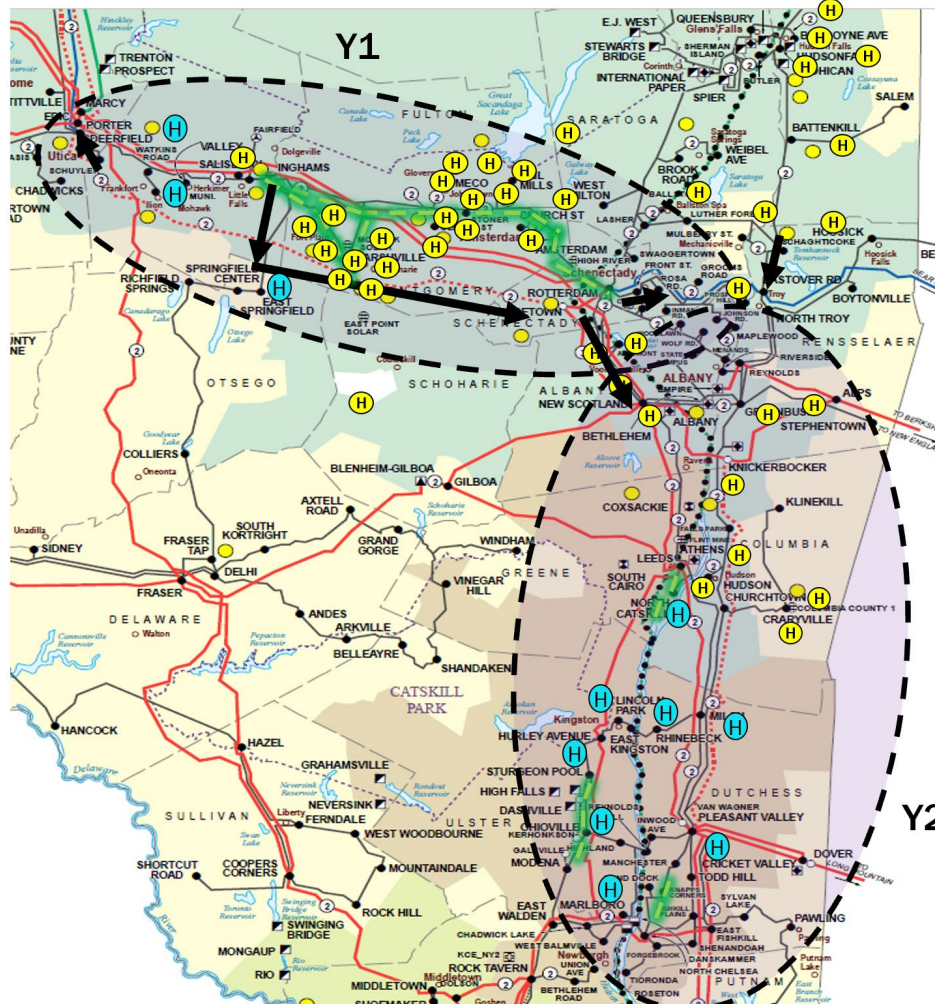
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
	-	-	-	-

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Hydro	150	150	150	98%	96%	96%
Wind	80	80	932	98%	95%	100%
Solar	469	469	469	99%	98%	98%

## Pocket Y – Capital Region

Pocket Y in the Capital region is downstream of added resources and large loads in Pocket X. The Higher Demand scenario has additional buildout of LBW and UPV resources in both Pockets Y1 and Y2. Majority of the UPV buildout is along the Y1 pocket in Montgomery and Fulton counties downstream of the Central East interface. The Lower Demand scenario is similar to the Contract Case as there is no change in renewable resource buildout but there is a difference in energy deliverability.

**Figure J-21: Pocket Y Summary Map (2035)**



### Pocket Y1

Pocket Y1 includes transmission lines comprising the Central East bulk-level interface, which is consistently congested but has a reduction of limiting hours across the scenarios in the Policy Case. LBW capacity increases in the Higher Demand scenario and is located upstream of constraints and transmission upgrades in the pocket. UPV capacity increases significantly in Pocket Y1 in the Higher

Demand scenario by 2035. Around 2,788 MW of UPV resources are added to Pocket Y1 in Higher Demand compared to the Lower Demand and Contract cases. Despite no incremental buildout in the Lower Demand scenario by 2035, the energy deliverability decreases for hydro, LBW, and UPV resources. This may be due to the pocket being downstream of Pocket X, which has significant buildout of UPV in the Lower Demand scenario that constrains lines flowing into Pocket Y1. Energy deliverability decreases for hydro and UPV resources in the Higher Demand scenario due to increased renewable capacity additions and increased congestion within the pocket.

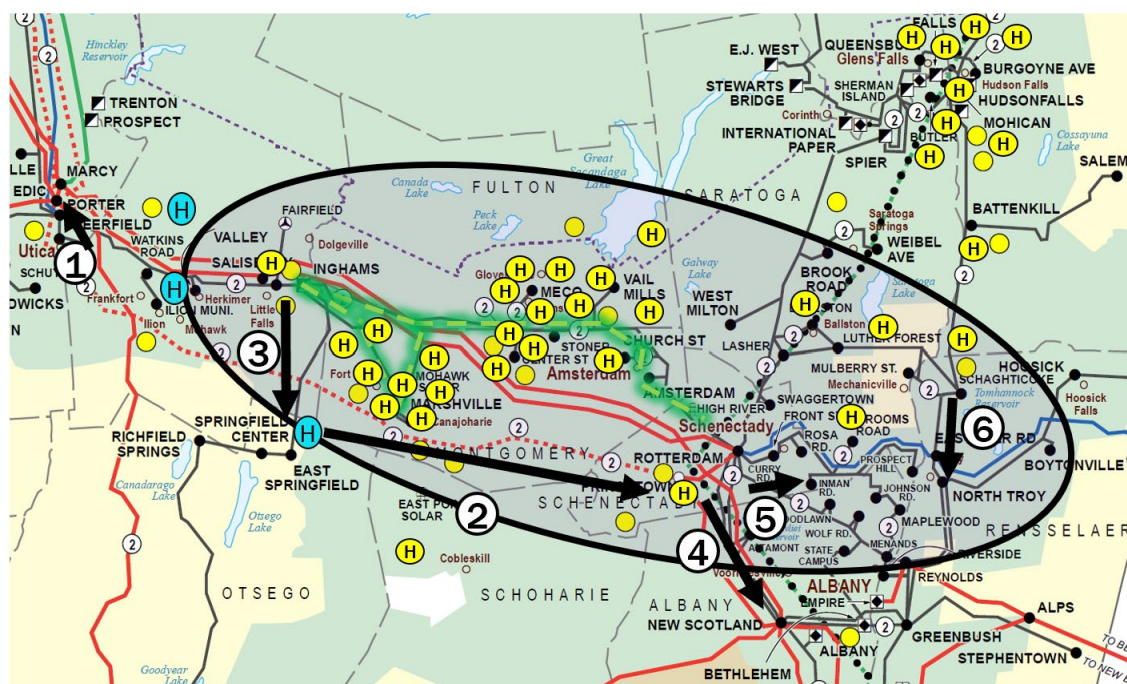
Central East congestion has a major impact on the curtailment of resources in the pocket leading to reduced deliverability. The Higher Demand scenario simulates a higher interface limit on Central East due to increased generator voltage support commitments in the Oswego area.<sup>9</sup> The higher interface limit on Central East leads to lower congestion and, therefore, increased deliverability of resources connected upstream of this interface. Moreover, the addition of UPV resources downstream of the Central East interface in the Higher Demand scenario leads to a lower number of limited hours for Central East. This leads to congestion in the Higher Demand scenario on new constraints that are downstream of Central East. Lower congestion for Central East is also due to lower HQ imports assumed in the Policy Case scenarios as imports across the northern ties have a high shift factor on Central East flows. Therefore, a reduction in imports and the addition of resources downstream of Central East cause congestion to decrease.

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<sup>9</sup> Central East interface limit is dynamically calculated based on the commitment of groups of generators according to the Central East Voltage Collapse Limit Study (CEVC-24), which is available at: <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/3692791/Central-East-Voltage-Limit-Study-2024-FINAL.pdf>



**Figure J-22: Pocket Y1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



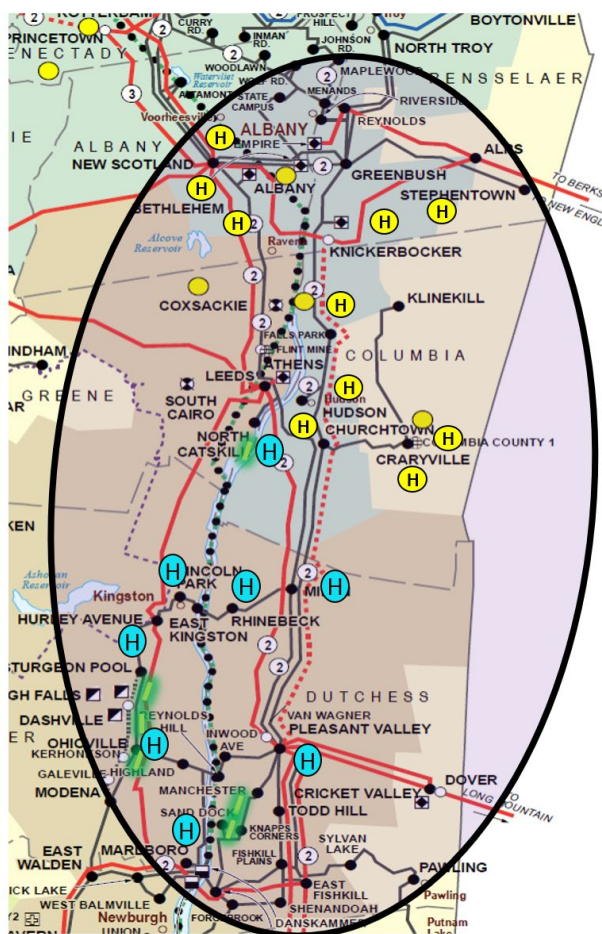
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	DEERFDH 115.00-PORTER 1 115.00	904	928	632
2	CENTRAL EAST	2,020	1,412	143
3	E.SPR115 115.00-INGHAM-E 115.00	-	-	1719
4	PRNCTWN 345.00-N.SCOT77 345.00	7	11	1097
5	PINETAPE 115.00-SANDTP12 115.00	-	-	279
6	EASTOVER RD 115.00-SCHAGHTICOKW 115.00	-	-	726

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Hydro	32	32	32	94%	95%	85%
Wind	74	74	324	99%	97%	99%
Solar	1,700	1,700	4,488	94%	95%	84%

## Pocket Y2

Pocket Y2 in the Higher Demand scenario includes increased LBW and UPV capacity compared to the Lower Demand scenario, the Contract Case, and previous Outlook cases that assessed renewable pockets. The LBW resources are added throughout the southern portion of the pocket along 345 kV lines near areas with transmission upgrades. UPV resources are added towards the northern side of the pocket interconnecting to 69, 115, and 345 kV buses. Notably, zero curtailment of LBW occurs in this pocket because these resources are connected to higher voltage lines and there are no new constrained elements appearing in this pocket in either Policy Case scenario. However, energy deliverability is reduced for hydro and UPV resources.

**Figure J-23: Pocket Y2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



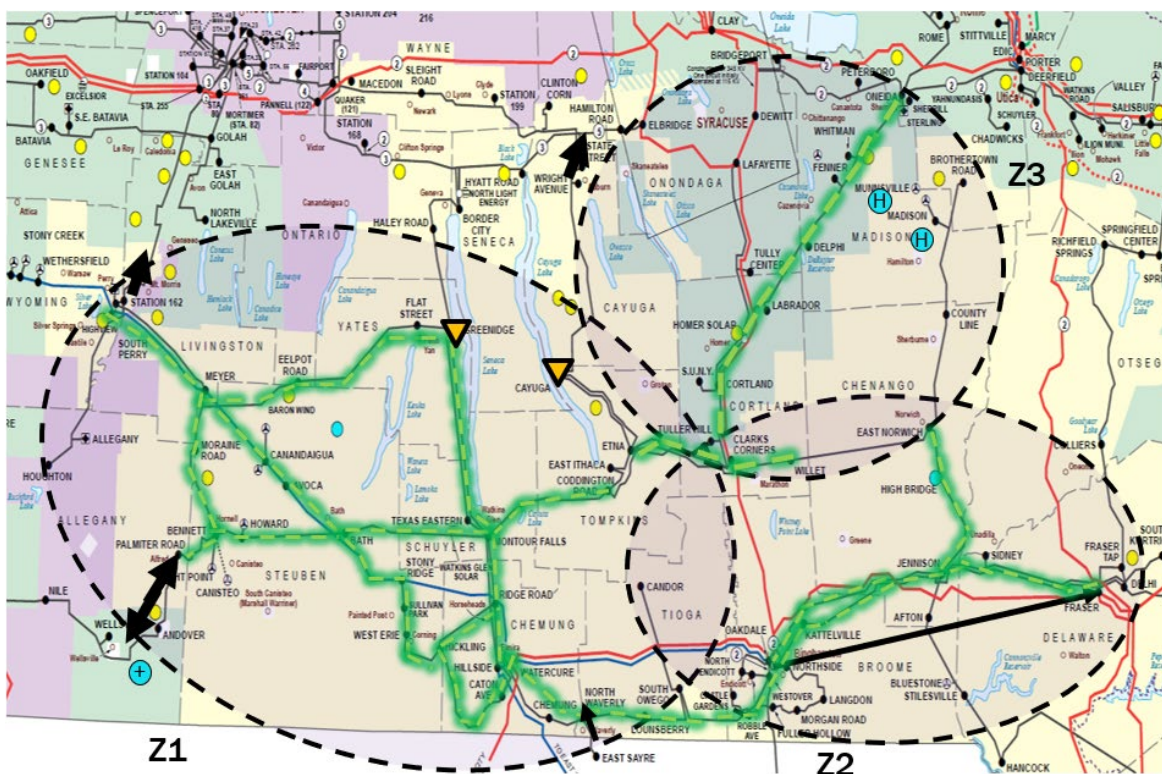
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
	-	-	-	-

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Hydro	25	25	25	94%	95%	94%
Wind	-	-	151	-	-	100%
Solar	290	290	856	98%	98%	99%

### Pocket Z – Southern Tier

Pocket Z consists of the most extensive transmission upgrades out of all studied pockets due to the Phase 1 and 2 local transmission upgrades (indicated by the green highlights on the figure below). This pocket has the least amount of added renewable capacity out of all identified pockets with new renewable resource buildout occurring only in Pocket Z3.

**Figure J-24: Pocket Z Summary Map (2035)**



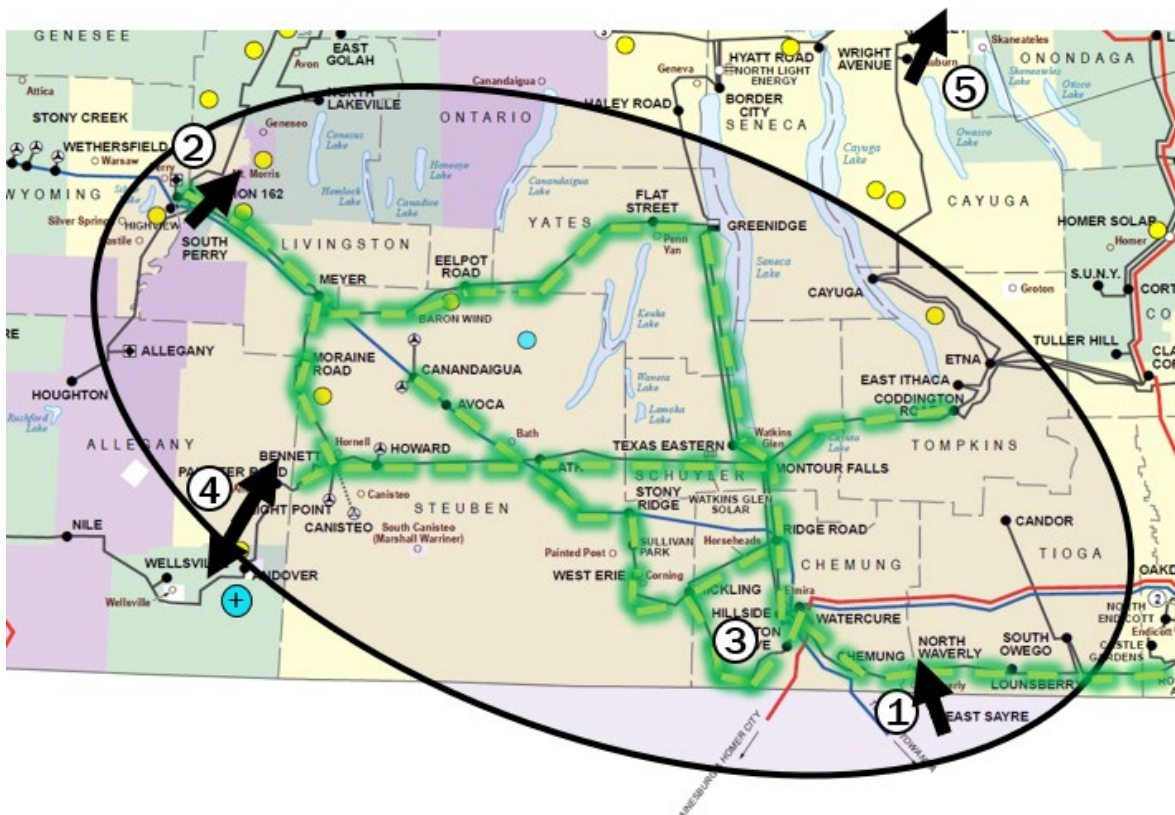
### Pocket Z1

No renewable capacity is added in Pocket Z1 for the Lower and Higher Demand scenarios between years 2030 and 2035. The 115 kV Palmiter Road to Andover line reduces congested hours below the threshold for both scenarios due to addition of a generic LBW resource at the Andover

115 kV bus. After the addition of the generic LBW resource in the Policy Case scenarios, this line in 2035 flows in both directions, as indicated by the double headed arrow. Notably, the State Street to Wright Avenue 115 kV line is located outside of the pocket boundaries; however, it was included in this analysis as it is a congested element across multiple cases and is connected to the transmission affecting Pocket Z1. With transmission upgrades throughout the pocket and lack of capacity buildout, energy deliverability remains high throughout the Policy Case scenarios.



**Figure J-25: Pocket Z1 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



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ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	N.WAV115 115.00-26E.SAYR 115.00*	4,247	5,016	5,262
2	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	1,032	1,194	1,129
3	HILSD230 230.00-HILSD230 230.00	-	135	92
4	PALMT115 115.00-ANDOVER1 115.00	251	33	86
5	STATE ST. 115 – WRIGHT AVE. 115	551	524	564

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	691	691	691	100%	99%	99%
Solar	927	927	927	99%	98%	98%

<sup>10</sup> North Waverly to East Sayre remains consistently congested and is reported for information only as operations protocols would determine the operation of this line.



## Pocket Z2

For year 2035, the 345 kV Fraser to Oakdale line remains the only congested element in the pocket with the number of limiting hours increasing in the Lower Demand scenario but decreasing to 35 hours in the Higher Demand scenario. Renewable capacity does not change within the pocket between the Contract and Policy Cases; however, UPV deliverability reduces slightly in the Policy Case scenarios. LBW deliverability remains high at 100%.

**Figure J-26: Pocket Z2 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



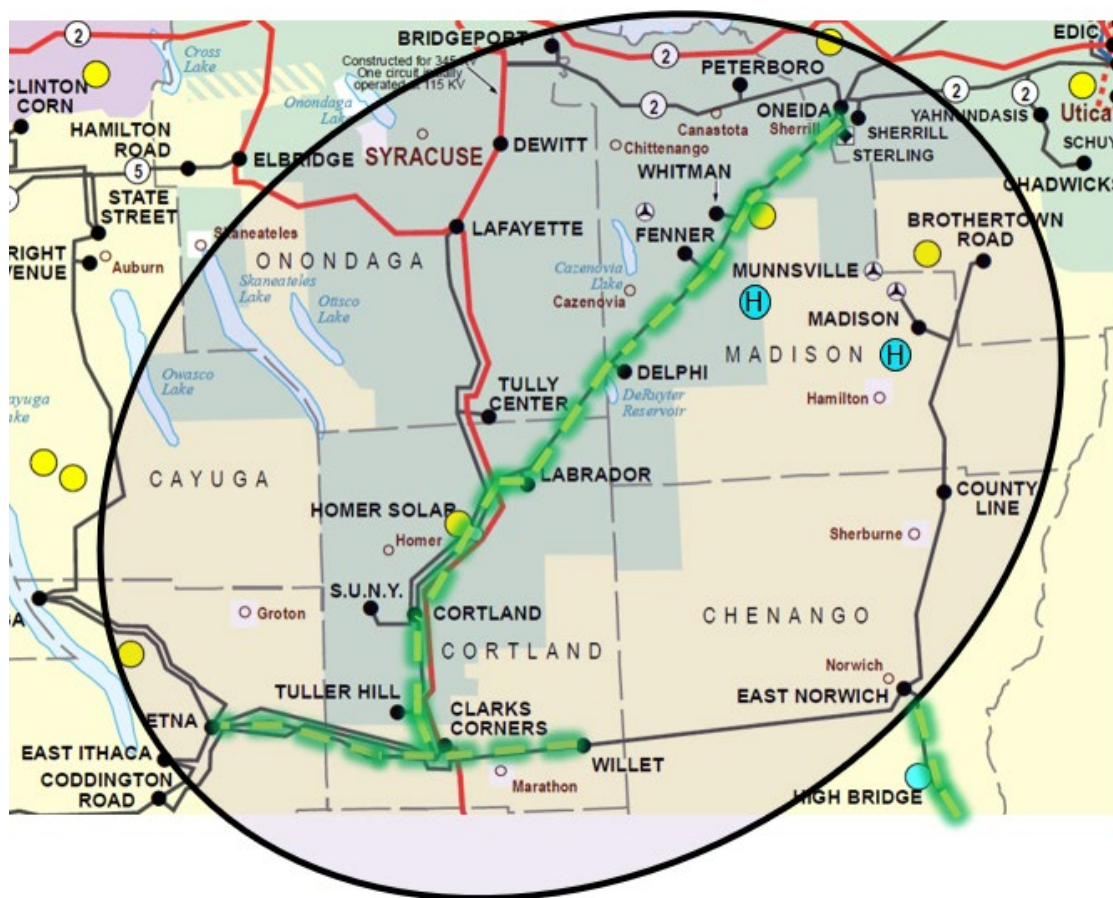
ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
1	FRASR345 345.00-OAKDL345 345.00	150	290	35

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	213	213	213	100%	100%	100%
Solar	205	205	205	97%	96%	96%

### Pocket Z3

Pocket Z3 in the Syracuse area remains unconstrained in 2035 and has two added LBW resources located in Madison County in the Higher Demand scenario. Energy deliverability decreases in the Lower Demand scenario for both LBW and UPV resources to 97% as a result of the pocket being downstream of constraints in Pocket Y1 and increased congestion in adjacent Pocket Z1. The energy deliverability improves in the Higher Demand scenario with the addition of LBW capacity. Consistent with neighboring pockets, with an increase in NYCA load demand, there is less curtailment of renewable resources and no congestion on transmission lines within the sub pocket which allows generation to fulfill load.

**Figure J-27: Pocket Z3 Congestion and Energy Deliverability Summary (2035)**



ID	Constraint	Number of Limiting Hours		
		Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
	-	-	-	-

Type	Capacity (MW)			Energy Deliverability (%)		
	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand	Contract Case	Policy Case: Lower Demand	Policy Case: Higher Demand
Wind	76	76	183	98%	97%	99%
Solar	290	290	290	99%	97%	97%

### Summary Pocket Metrics (2035)

Figure J-28 and J-29 below show pocket metrics for the Lower Demand and Higher Demand Policy scenarios for the year 2035.

**Figure J-28: Lower Demand Scenario Pocket Summary**

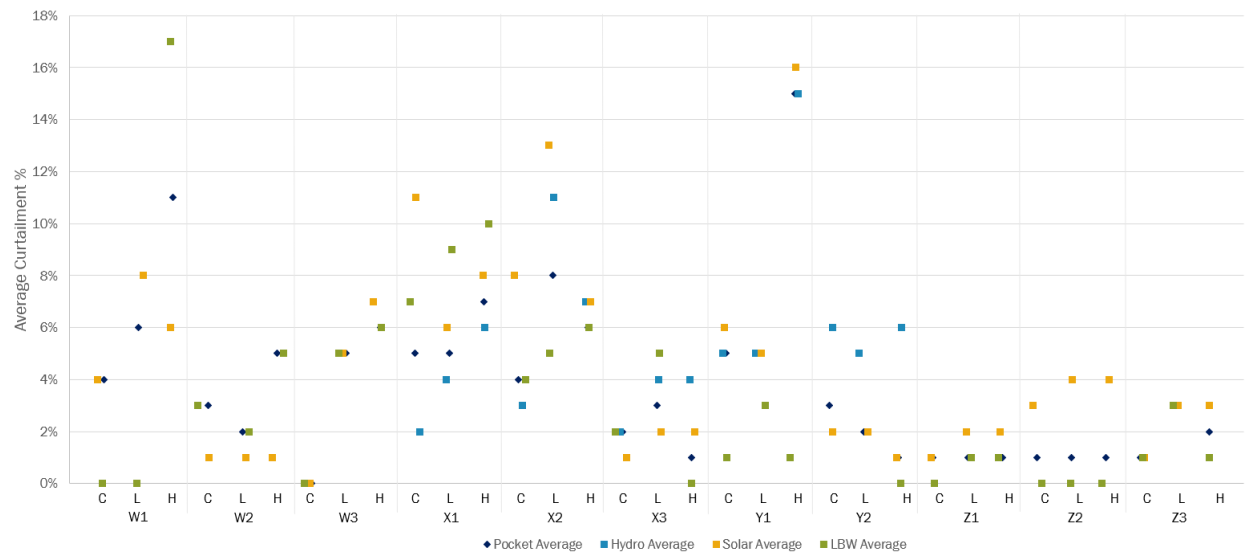
Lower Demand Scenario (2035)					
Pocket	Type	Capacity (MW)	Scheduled Energy (GWh)	Curtailment (GWh)	Energy Deliverability (%)
W1	Wind	339	962	2	100%
	Solar	2,030	4,018	317	92%
W2	Wind	1,476	4,159	92	98%
	Solar	60	95	1	99%
W3	Wind	894	2,529	126	95%
	Solar	480	799	42	95%
X1	Hydro	1,149	7,397	264	96%
	HQ Imports	1,930	5,685	244	96%
	Wind	977	2,613	230	91%
	Solar	1,308	2,574	154	94%
X2	Hydro	252	1,238	135	89%
	Wind	505	1,387	68	95%
	Solar	244	454	57	87%
X3	Hydro	224	657	24	96%
	Wind	80	218	10	95%
	Solar	469	879	16	98%
Y1	Hydro	32	100	5	95%
	Wind	74	182	5	97%
	Solar	1,700	3,305	172	95%
Y2	Hydro	39	102	5	95%
	Wind	-	-	-	-
	Solar	290	512	8	98%
Z1	Wind	691	1,894	22	99%
	Solar	927	1,706	26	98%
Z2	Wind	213	702	0	100%
	Solar	205	389	15	96%
Z3	Wind	76	189	6	97%
	Solar	290	540	15	97%

**Figure J-29: Higher Demand Scenario Pocket Summary**

Higher Demand Scenario (2035)					
Pocket	Type	Capacity (MW)	Scheduled Energy (GWh)	Curtailment (GWh)	Energy Deliverability (%)
W1	Wind	1,001	3,049	512	83%
	Solar	2,030	4,018	230	94%
W2	Wind	1,959	5,477	254	95%
	Solar	60	95	1	99%
W3	Wind	917	2,593	144	94%
	Solar	480	799	53	93%
X1	Hydro	1,149	7,397	422	94%
	HQ Imports	1,930	5,685	334	94%
	Wind	977	2,613	249	90%
	Solar	1,396	2,752	227	92%
X2	Hydro	252	1,238	84	93%
	Wind	583	1,604	95	94%
	Solar	250	465	31	93%
X3	Hydro	150	657	24	96%
	Wind	932	2,407	10	100%
	Solar	469	879	18	98%
Y1	Hydro	32	100	15	85%
	Wind	324	889	8	99%
	Solar	4,488	8,683	1,398	84%
Y2	Hydro	25	102	6	94%
	Wind	151	504	2	100%
	Solar	856	1,579	19	99%
Z1	Wind	691	1,894	24	99%
	Solar	927	1,706	29	98%
Z2	Wind	213	702	0	100%
	Solar	205	389	15	96%
Z3	Wind	183	476	6	99%
	Solar	290	540	14	97%

The chart in Figure J-30 below shows the average curtailment of renewable resources in each pocket across all three scenarios (Contract, Lower Demand and Higher Demand denoted by C, L, and H respectively). Sub-pockets W1, X1 and X2 show, on average, higher levels of curtailment compared to other sub-pockets across all three cases.

Figure J-30: Average Curtailment of Resources by Pocket and Scenario





## Summary of Major Pocket Constraints

The following table contains the top binding contingencies and their definitions for lines that are binding in the pockets identified in the prior sections of this appendix.

**Figure J-31: Binding Contingencies**

Pocket	Contingency Name	Monitored Line	Tripped Lines
Pocket W2	SB:STLE B1+B2	ERIE 115 115.00-PAVMT115 115.00	STOLE115 115.00-GIRD115 115.00 STOLE115 115.00-DAVIS115 115.00 STOLE115 115.00-STOLLE34 34.50 ROLL 115 115.00-STOLE115 115.00 STOLE115 115.00-STOLLE34 34.50
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	BS_STOLLE_North_Lan	STOLLE115 115-GIRDLE RD 115	STOLE115 115.00-PAVMT115 115.00 STOLE115 115.00-STOLLE34 34.50
Pocket W3	T:73&74	SLVRC141 115.00-DUNKIRK1 115.00	GRDNVL2 230.00-DUNKIRK 230.00 Q505_BAL 230.00-DUNKIRK 230.00
Pocket X1	MH3 L/O T:MH12	MOSES W 230.00-MNH3230 230.00	MOSES W 230.00-MNH1230 230.00 MOSES W 230.00-MNH2230 230.00
	NGCBUS:BOONVILLE ALCOA	ALCOA-NM 115.00-ALCOA N 115.00	BOONVL 115.00-BU+LY+MO 115.00 BOONVL 115.00-LOWVILLE 115.00 BOONVL 115.00-BVPAR-3 115.00 BOONVL 115.00-BVPAR-4 115.00 BOONVL 115.00-STITTVL 115.00
	NGCBUS L/O T:TAY-BF 3&4	ALCOA-NM 115.00-ALCOA N 115.00	BRNS FLS 115.00-TAYLORVL 115.00 BRNS FLS 115.00-TAYLORVL 115.00
	700 L/O 701	ASHLY115 115.00-PLAT 115 115.00	NOEND115 115.00-PLAT 115 115.00
	SB:PLAT_115_708	ASHLY115 115.00-PLAT 115 115.00	NOEND115 115.00-PLAT 115 115.00 T MIL RD 115.00-PLAT 115 115.00 T MIL RD 115.00-SARANAC 115.00
Pocket X2	NF:8105 ALCOJ	COLTON 115.00-FLAT RCK 115.00	ALCOA N 115.00-ALCOA-NM 115.00
	NF:10 COLTONA	COLTON 115.00-FLAT RCK 115.00	COLTON 115.00-HIGLEY 115.00
Pocket Y1	INGHAM_E.SPR T:40&41	E.SPR115 115.00-INGHAM-E 115.00	FRAEDCSC 345.00-EDIC 345.00 COOPC345 345.00-MARCCSC2 345.00
	INGHAM_E.SPR T:EDIC-PRNCTWN	E.SPR115 115.00-INGHAM-E 115.00	EDIC 345.00-MARSH32 345.00 EDIC 345.00-MARSH31 345.00
	SB:RTRDM345_G	PINETAPE 115.00-SANDTP12 115.00	PRNCTWN 345.00-GORDON R 345.00 GORDON R 345.00-GORDON R T8 345.00
	NSCOTLAND77 F KNICK 2A 345	PINETAPE 115.00-SANDTP12 115.00	Q556 NS6 345.00-KNICKERB 345.00
	T:PRNCTWN-N.FSCOT345 #2&#3	PINETAPE 115.00-SANDTP12 115.00	PRNCTWN 345.00-Q556 NS6 345.00 PRNCTWN 345.00-Q556 NS6 345.00
	T:PRNCTWN-N.SCOT345	PRNCTWN 345.00-N.SCOT77 345.00	PRNCTWN 345.00-Q556 NS6 345.00 PRNCTWN 345.00-Q556 NS6 345.00
Pocket Z1	HILLSIDE - ECWANDA 70 230	N.WAV115 115.00-26E.SAYR 115.00*	26E.TWAN 230.00-HILSD230 230.00
	SB:HILL_B312B	N.WAV115 115.00-26E.SAYR 115.00*	HILSD230 230.00-26E.TWAN 230.00 HILSD230 230.00-mid_9990 230.00 WATRC230 230.00-HILSD230 230.00
	T:67&29 H	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	Q545A_ES 345.00-5MILE345 345.00 STOLE230 230.00-SHLDN230 230.00
	DCT:345:29+6I	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	STOLE345 345.00-Q545A_ES 345.00 Q545A_ES 345.00-5MILE345 345.00 STOLE230 230.00-SHLDN230 230.00
	B:STOLE230	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	STOLE230 230.00-GARDV230 230.00 STOLE230 230.00-ROBIN230 230.00
	HMR-CY_WATERC_345	HILSD230 230.00-HILSD230 230.00	WATRC345 345.00-26MAINES 345.00
	DCT:345:29+6M	PALMT115 115.00-ANDOVER1 115.00	STOLE345 345.00-Q545A_ES 345.00 Q545A_ES 345.00-5MILE345 345.00 STOLE230 230.00-SHLDN230 230.00
	SB:ESTOLLE F	PALMT115 115.00-ANDOVER1 115.00	Q545A_ES 345.00-STOLE345 345.00 Q545A_ES 345.00-Q545A_DY 345.00
	BF_SHLDN_B1-B7_Lan	S.PER115 115.00-STA 158S 115.00	STOLE230 230.00-SHLDN230 230.00
Pocket Z2	OAKD_FRAS T:40&41	FRASR345 345.00-OAKDL345 345.00	FRAEDCSC 345.00-EDIC 345.00 COOPC345 345.00-MARCCSC2 345.00