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# ISO New England Overview and Regional Update

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# ISO New England (ISO) Has Two Decades of Experience Overseeing the Region's Restructured Electric Power System

- **Regulated** by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Reliability Coordinator for New England under the North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- Independent of companies in the marketplace and neutral on technology



### ISO New England Performs Three Critical Roles to Ensure Reliable Electricity at Competitive Prices

#### Grid Operation

Coordinate and direct the flow of electricity over the region's high-voltage transmission system

#### Market Administration

Design, run, and oversee the markets where wholesale electricity is bought and sold

#### Power System Planning

Study, analyze, and plan to make sure New England's electricity needs will be met over the next 10 years



#### Numerous Entities Including an Independent Board Provide Oversight of and Input on ISO's Responsibilities



# ISO New England Keeps Power Flowing Across the Region Every Minute of Every Day

## New England's Power Grid Is Part of a Larger Electric Power System

- Part of the **Eastern Interconnection**, one of four large power grids in North America
  - Interconnected through primarily alternating current (AC) transmission
- Tied to Québec only through direct current (DC) transmission
- 2003 blackout ushered in wide-area monitoring and mandatory reliability standards
- Subject to reliability standards set by NERC and NPCC\*



\* North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC)

### New England's Transmission Grid Is the Interstate Highway System for Electricity

- **9,000 miles** of high-voltage transmission lines (115 kV and above)
- **13 transmission interconnections** to power systems in New York and Eastern Canada
- **19%** of region's energy needs met by imports in 2019
- \$11 billion invested to strengthen transmission system reliability since 2002; \$1.6 billion planned
- Developers have proposed multiple transmission projects to access non-carbon-emitting resources inside and outside the region



## Generation and Demand Resources Are Used to Meet New England's Energy Needs

- **350** dispatchable generators in the region
- **31,500 MW** of generating capacity
- Over **24,000 MW** of proposed generation in the ISO Queue
  - Mostly wind proposals
- Roughly **7,000 MW** of generation have retired or will retire in the next few years
- 580 MW of active demand response and 2,630 MW of energy efficiency with obligations in the Forward Capacity Market\*
  - Effective June 1, 2018, demand resources have further opportunities in the wholesale markets



\* In the Forward Capacity Market, demand-reduction resources are treated as capacity resources.



• **7.2 million** retail electricity customers drive the demand for electricity in New England (14.8 million population)

Region's all-time summer peak demand: 28,130 MW on August 2, 2006

- Region's all-time winter peak demand: 22,818 MW on January 15, 2004
- Energy efficiency (EE) and behind-the-meter (BTM) solar are **reducing** peak demand growth; electrification of heating & transportation to increase load

-0.2% annual growth rate for summer peak demand (with EE and BTM solar)

- > +0.4% annual growth rate for overall electricity use (with EE and BTM solar)
- BTM solar is shifting peak demand later in the day in the summertime

Note: Without energy efficiency and solar, the region's peak demand is forecasted to grow 0.9% annually and the region's overall electricity demand is forecasted to grow 1.4% annually. Summer peak demand is based on the "50/50" forecast for typical summer weather conditions.

### ISO New England Manages Regional Power System Planning to Meet Future Electricity Needs

- Manage regional power system planning in accordance with mandatory reliability standards
- Administer requests for interconnection of generation and regional transmission system access
- Conduct transmission system needs assessments
- Plan regional transmission system to provide regional network service
- Develop Regional System Plan (RSP) with a ten-year planning horizon



## Many Resources Compete to Supply Electricity in **New England's Wholesale Markets**

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- Close to **500** buyers and ulletsellers in the markets
- **\$7.6 billion** in wholesale • electricity market transactions in 2019
  - **\$4.1 billion** in the energy market
  - **\$100 million** in the ancillary services markets
  - **\$3.4 billion** in the capacity market
- Extensive analysis and reporting of market results



**Annual Value of Wholesale Electricity Markets** 

\* 2019 data are subject to adjustment

Energy Market Ancillary Markets Forward Capacity Market

#### **Dramatic Changes in the Energy Mix**

The fuels used to produce the region's electric energy have shifted as a result of economic and environmental factors

Percent of Total **Electric Energy** Production by Fuel Type (2000 vs. 2019)



Source: ISO New England <u>Net Energy and PeakLoad by Source</u>; data for 2019 is preliminary and subject to resettlement Renewables include landfill gas, biomass, other biomass gas, wind, grid-scale solar, municipal solid waste, and miscellaneous fuels. This data represents electric generation within New England; it does not include imports or behind-the-meter (BTM) resources, such as BTM solar.

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### Lower-Emitting Sources of Energy Supply Most of New England's Electricity

- In 2019, most of the region's energy needs were met by natural gas, nuclear, imported electricity (mostly hydropower from Eastern Canada), renewables, and other low- or non-carbon-emitting resources
- Region is transitioning away from older coal and oil resources



#### Natural Gas and Wholesale Electricity Prices Are Linked

Monthly average natural gas and wholesale electricity prices at the New England hub



### Lower-Emitting Sources of Energy Supply Most of New England's Electricity

Sources of Grid Electricity in New England (Annual Net Energy for Load)



\*Data are subject to adjustments. This chart approximates the amount of generation by individual fuels used by dual-fuel units, such as natural-gas-fired generators that can switch to run on oil and vice versa. Before 2016, generation from such units was attributed only to the primary fuel type registered for the unit. \*\*Includes pondage, run-of-river, and pumped storage. \*\*\*Renewables include landfill gas, biomass, other biomass gas, wind, grid-scale solar, municipal solid waste, and miscellaneous fuels. Hydro is not included in this category primarily because the various sources that make up hydroelectric generation (i.e., conventional hydroelectric, run-of-river, pumped storage) are not universally defined as renewable in the six New England states.

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#### Source: ISO New England, generation data and Net Energy and Peak Load by Source Report

### **States Have Set Goals for Reductions in Greenhouse** Gas Emissions: Some Mandated, Some Aspirational



Percent Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Economy Wide by 2050\*

100%

The New England states are promoting GHG reductions on a state-by-state basis, and at the regional level, through a combination of legislative mandates (e.g., CT, MA, RI, ME, and VT) and aspirational, non-binding goals (e.g., NH and the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers)

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MA, RI, NH, ME, and VT use a 1990 baseline year for emissions reductions. CT and the NEG-ECP use a 2001 baseline. For more information, see the following ISO Newswire article: http://isonewswire.com/updates/2019/10/2/the-new-england-states-frameworks-for-reducing-greenhouse-ga.html ISO-NE PUBLIC

# Power Plant Emissions Have Declined with Changes in the Fuel Mix



Source: ISO New England 2020 Regional Electricity Outlook (February 2020)



Notes: State RPS requirements promote the development of renewable energy resources by requiring electricity providers (electric distribution companies and competitive suppliers) to serve a minimum percentage of their retail load using renewable energy. Connecticut's Class I RPS requirement plateaus at 40% in 2030. Maine's Class I/IA RPS requirement increases to 50% in 2030 and remains at that level each year thereafter. Massachusetts' Class I RPS requirement increases by 2% each year between 2020 and 2030, reverting back to 1% each year thereafter, with no stated expiration date. New Hampshire's percentages include the requirements for both Class I and Class II resources (Class II resources are new solar technologies beginning operation after January 1, 2006). New Hampshire's Class I and Class II RPS requirements plateau at 15.7% in 2025. Rhode Island's requirement for 'new' renewable energy plateaus at 36.5% in 2035. Vermont's 'total renewable energy' requirement plateaus at 75% in 2032; it recognizes all forms of new and existing renewable energy and is unique in classifying large-scale hydropower as renewable.

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### Energy-Efficiency and Renewable Resources Are Trending Up in New England



#### Wind Power Comprises Two Thirds of New Resource Proposals in the ISO Interconnection Queue





Lines represent types of ETUs private developers have proposed in recent years

Source: ISO Interconnection Queue (October 2020)

Developers Are Proposing Large-Scale Transmission Projects to Deliver Clean Energy to Load Centers

- Developers are proposing roughly 15 elective transmission upgrades (ETUs) to help deliver about 6,000 MW of clean energy to New England load centers
- Wind projects make up roughly 65% of new resource proposals in the ISO Queue
  - Most are offshore wind proposals in southern New England, but some are onshore wind proposals in northern New England and would require transmission to deliver the energy to load centers

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### New Energy Storage Technologies Are Coming On Line

- **20 MW** of grid-scale battery storage projects have come on line since late 2015
- Over 3,000 MW of grid-scale standalone energy storage projects are requesting interconnection
- New England has a successful history of operating the region's two large pumped-storage facilities, which can supply **1,800 MW** of power within 10 minutes for up to 7 hours





## ISO New England Forecasts Strong Growth in Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Resources

#### December 2019 Solar PV Installed Capacity (MW<sub>ac</sub>)

#### Cumulative Growth in Solar PV through 2029 (MW<sub>ac</sub>)

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Note: The bar chart reflects the ISO's projections for nameplate capacity from PV resources participating in the region's wholesale electricity markets, as well as those connected "behind the meter." The forecast does not include forward-looking PV projects > 5 MW in nameplate capacity. Source: Final 2020 PV Forecast (March 2020); MW values are AC nameplate.

# Historic Dip in Midday Demand with Record-High Solar Power Output on May 2, 2020

In Hour Ending 13, behind-the-meter solar reduced grid demand by more than 3,200 MW



#### **Energy Efficiency Is a Priority for State Policymakers**

#### 2020 State Energy-Efficiency Scorecard



Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

- Billions spent over the past few years and more on the horizon
  - Nearly \$5.3 billion invested from 2012 to 2017
  - ISO estimates \$10.7 billion to be invested in EE from 2021 to 2029

Source: ISO New England Final 2020 Energy-Efficiency Forecast

### Energy Efficiency and Behind-the-Meter Solar Are Reducing Peak Demand and Annual Energy Use



Note: Summer peak demand is based on the "90/10" forecast, which accounts for the possibility of extreme summer weather (temperatures of about 94°F). Source: ISO New England 2020-2029 Forecast Report of Capacity, Energy, Loads, and Transmission (2020 CELT Report) (May 2020)

#### **Overview of Transmission Planning**

- As the Regional Transmission Organization, the ISO is required to identify transmission infrastructure solutions that are essential for maintaining power system reliability in New England
- Through an open stakeholder process, the ISO is responsible for the development of long-range plans to address future system needs over the ten-year planning horizon
  - Summarized in a Regional System Plan (RSP)
- The transmission planning process is governed by a **FERC-approved tariff**
- The transmission planning process has been revised to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Order No. 1000



ISO New England 2019 Regional System Plan: <u>https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2019/10/rsp19\_final.docx</u>

# Transmission Projects to Maintain Reliability Have Progressed throughout New England

#### Major 345 kV Projects

- Southwest Connecticut Reliability Project, Phases 1 & 2
- Boston 345 kV Transmission Reliability Project, Phases 1 & 2
- Northwest Vermont Reliability Project and Vermont Southern Loop Project
- New England East-West Solution
  - Greater Springfield Reliability Project
  - Rhode Island Reliability Project
  - Interstate Reliability Project
- Southeast Massachusetts
  - Short-term Lower SEMA Upgrades
  - Long-term Lower SEMA Project
- Maine Power Reliability Program
- Greater Boston Project



Source: RSP Transmission Project List, October 2019; RSP Transmission Project List also includes 115kV projects

#### Region Has Made Major Investments in Transmission Infrastructure to Ensure a Reliable Electric Grid



#### How Are Transmission Costs Allocated?

- The New England electric grid is a tightly interconnected system; each state shares in the benefits of reliability upgrades
- The amount of electricity demand in an area determines its share of the cost of new or upgraded transmission facilities needed for reliability



2019 Network Load by State

#### **Transmission Provides Benefits Beyond Reliability**

#### • Transmission has reduced or eliminated out-of-market costs:

- Reliability agreements with certain generators that were needed to provide transmission support in weak areas of the electric grid
  - These often were older, less-efficient generating resources
- Uplift charges to run specific generators to meet local reliability needs
- The markets are increasingly competitive: Easing transmission constraints into import-constrained areas has enabled the ISO to dispatch the most economic resources throughout the region to meet customer demands for electricity

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- Transmission congestion has been nearly eliminated
- **Transmission facilitates resource transformation:** Transmission upgrades have allowed older, less efficient resources to retire, which helps the states achieve their environmental objectives



### Transmission and Resource Developments Have Reduced Energy and Reliability Costs



Note: Congestion is a condition that arises on the transmission system when one or more restrictions prevents the economic dispatch of electric energy from serving load. Net Commitment-Period Compensation is a payment to an eligible resource that operated out of merit and did not fully recover its costs in the energy market. Reliability Agreements are special reliability contracts between the ISO and an approved generator whereby the generator continues to operate, even when it is not economical to do so, to ensure transmission system reliability. Sources: Regional System Plans, ISO-NE Annual Markets Reports. \*2019 data subject to adjustment.

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## A Hybrid Grid Is Emerging in New England

There are two dimensions to the transition, happening simultaneously...

- 1 A shift from conventional generation to renewable energy
- 2 A shift from centrally dispatched generation to distributed energy resources



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Maintaining reliable power system operations becomes **more complex** with the shift to greater resources that face constraints on energy production

#### **ISO New England Releases Several New Publications**



#### **2020 Regional Electricity Outlook**

Provides an in-depth look at New England's biggest challenges to power system reliability, the solutions the region is pursuing, and other ISO New England efforts to improve services and performance



#### New England Power Grid Profile

Provides key grid and market stats on how New England's wholesale electricity markets are securing reliable electricity at competitive prices and helping usher in a cleaner, greener grid

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#### **New England State Profiles**

Provides state-specific facts and figures relating to supply and demand resources tied into the New England electric grid and state policies transforming the resource mix in the region

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#### **APPENDIX: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**



#### ISO New England Is Part of the ISO/RTO Council

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#### There Are Nine ISOs and RTOs in North America

ISO New England covers the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

- California ISO
- Alberta Electric System Operator
- Electricity Reliability Council of Texas
- Southwest Power Pool
- Midcontinent ISO
- Ontario Independent
  Electricity System Operator
- PJM Interconnection
- New York ISO
- ISO New England



#### Markets Select the Most Cost-Efficient Resources to Meet Current and Future Electricity Needs

Energy Market **Electric Energy:** The Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets are forward and spot markets for trading **electric energy**. Energy prices **fluctuate** throughout the day and at different locations in New England, reflecting the amount of consumer demand, constraints on the system, and the price of fuel that resources use to generate electricity.

Ancillary Markets **Short-Term Reliability Services:** Resources compete in the ancillary markets to provide backup electricity as well as services needed to support the physical operation of the system, such as frequency regulation and voltage support. These services are **critical** during periods of heavy demand or system emergencies.

Forward Capacity Market **Long-Term Reliability Services:** Resources compete to sell **capacity** to the system in three years' time through annual Forward Capacity Auctions. The Forward Capacity Market works in tandem with the Energy Markets to **attract** and **sustain** needed power resources today and into the future.

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# Wholesale Markets Have Resulted in Efficiency Gains in New England's Power Generation Fleet

- Markets reveal a resource's true operating cost
  - Fuel is the primary driver of operating costs
  - The dollar value of New England's energy markets fell from 2008 to 2016 as low-cost natural gas displaced older, fossil fuel-fired units
- Gas-fired generators are becoming more efficient
  - Improvements in technology have made newer generators more economic than older generators

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 Region has invested in cleaner technologies ahead of much of the rest of the country and has seen regional air emissions decline significantly over the past decade



### **Forward Capacity Market Overview**

 Procures resources to meet New England's forecasted capacity needs three years in the future



- Resources must be pre-qualified to participate in the auction
- Resources must participate and clear in the auction to be paid for capacity during the capacity commitment period
- Allows **new capacity projects** to compete in the market and set the price for capacity in the region
- Provides a long-term commitment to new supply and demand resources to encourage investment

### **Forward Capacity Market Objectives and Results**

- New England's capacity market has **two main objectives**:
  - 1. Ensure sufficient resources to meet New England's electricity demand and reliability standards, and
  - 2. Ensure that sufficient resources are procured in a cost-effective manner
- Capacity market aims to foster competition by creating a level playing field with respect to technology, investors, and existing versus new entrants
- Fourteen Forward Capacity Auctions have been conducted and nine commitment periods completed

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- Market has generated participation from **diverse** types of resources, including demand-response and energy-efficiency resources
- Lowest-cost resources have been developed and brought to market
  - Capacity market has eliminated reliance on reliability arrangements with generators



#### **Recent Forward Capacity Auction Results**

Auction Commitment Period	Total Capacity Acquired (MW)	Capacity Target (MW)	Surplus/Deficit (MW)	New Demand Resources <sup>1</sup> (MW)	New Generation (MW)	Auction Zones <sup>2</sup>	Clearing Price (\$/kW-month) <sup>3</sup>
FCA 9 2018/2019	34,695	34,189	506	367	1,060	ROP	
						СТ	\$9.55
						NEMA/Boston	
						SEMA/RI	\$17.73/new \$11.08/existing
FCA 10 2019/2020	35,567	34,151	1,416	371	1,459	ROP	\$7.03
						SENE	
						Quebec imports	
						New York imports	\$6.26
						New Brunswick imports	\$4.00
FCA 11 2020/2021	35,835	34,075	1,760	640	264	SENE, NNE, ROP, and NY and Quebec imports	\$5.30
,						New Brunswick imports	\$3.38
FCA 12 2021/2022	34,828	33,725	1,103	514	174	SENE, NNE, ROP and NY imports	\$4.63
						Quebec imports	\$4.63 for 54 MW \$3.70 for 442 MW
						New Brunswick imports	\$3.16
FCA 13 2022/2023	34,839	33,750	1,089	654	837	SENE, NNE, ROP, and NY and Quebec imports	\$3.80
						New Brunswick imports	\$2.68
FCA 14 2023/2024	33,956	32,490	1,466	323	335	SENE, NNE, Maine, ROP, and NY, New Brunswick, and Quebec imports	\$2.00

<sup>1</sup> Demand resources include energy efficiency, demand-response resources, and real-time emergency generation (RTEG). <sup>2</sup> Capacity pricing zones: In **FCA 9**, Rest-of-Pool (ROP) included WCMA, VT, NH, and ME. In **FCA 10**, Rest-of-Pool (ROP) included Western/Central MA, CT, ME, NH, and VT; the new Southeast New England (SENE) zone combined Northeastern MA/Boston and Southeastern MA/RI. In **FCA 11**, Northern New England (NNE) comprised of ME, NH, VT; Southeast New England (SENE) including NEMA/Boston, SEMA, and RI; and ROP including CT and WCMA. **In FCA 12** Southeast New England (SENE) included Southeastern MA, RI and Northeastern MA/Boston, Northern New England (NNE) included ME, NH and VT; Rest-of-Pool (ROP) included CT, Western/Central MA. **In FCA 13**, the same zones were modeled as FCA 12. **In FCA 14**, Southeast New England (SENE) included Southeastern MA, RI and Northeastern MA, RI and Northeastern MA/Boston load zones; the Northern New England (NNE) included NH, VT and ME; Maine is a separate nested zone; Rest-of-Pool (ROP) included CT and Western/Central MA. <sup>3</sup> From **FCA 9 on**, a sloped demand curve has been used, allowing more or less than the capacity requirement to be procured, depending on price and reliability needs.

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### ISO New England Administered the Fourteenth Forward Capacity Auction (FCA #14) in February 2020

- FCA #14 was held on February 3, 2020 to procure the capacity resources needed to meet demand for electricity, plus reserve requirements, during the June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 capacity commitment period
- The auction concluded with **sufficient resources** to meet the installed capacity target of 32,490 MW, with the lowest clearing price in the auction's history
- The clearing price in the auction was \$2.00 per kilowatt-month (kW-month) across all of New England, compared to \$3.80/kW-month in last year's auction



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No price separation among the capacity zones

# FCA #14 Attracted and Retained a Variety of Resources to Ensure Resource Adequacy in 2023-2024

- The auction concluded with commitments from 33,956 MW of capacity to be available during the 2023-2024 capacity commitment period
  - 28,978 MW of generation, including 335 MW of new generating resources
  - **3,919 MW** of energy-efficiency and demand-reduction measures, including 323 MW of new demand resources
  - 1,059 MW of total imports from New York, Québec and New Brunswick
- Prior to the auction, ISO New England retained two units, Mystic Generating Station Units 8 and 9, needed for fuel security in 2023-2024

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#### **Capacity Market Costs Reflect Changing Supply Outlook**

As a "forward" market, consumers can anticipate future changes in capacity costs

#### **Total Capacity Market Costs**



# Changes to ISO New England's Transmission Planning Process Pursuant to FERC Order No. 1000

- Changes to intra- and interregional transmission planning and costallocation practices to:
  - Add a process where developers submit project proposals rather than the ISO leading the development of transmission solutions
    - The ISO selects the most cost-effective proposal that addresses the need from those submitted
    - Incumbent transmission owners provide backstop transmission solutions, but may not necessarily be selected to provide ultimate solution
  - Add a transmission planning process to meet **public policy** objectives

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- The ISO selects from developer proposals to meet identified federal, state, and local public policy goals
- Update existing interregional planning and transmission development protocols with neighboring power systems (PJM and NYISO)



## **Major Components of Transmission Planning\***

 The transmission planning study process begins by developing a **Study Scope** and identifying all key inputs for a Needs Assessment



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- A **Needs Assessment** identifies transmission system needs to maintain the reliability of the facilities while promoting the operation of efficient wholesale electric markets
  - Reliability Needs
  - Market Efficiency Needs
  - Public Policy Transmission Needs\*
- If the Needs Assessment reveals violations of reliability standards or criteria during the study period, potential solutions must be developed to address the identified needs

\* Reflective of changes under FERC Order No. 1000

# **Major Components of Transmission Planning\***

- If the identified reliability-based transmission need is less than or equal to three years out, the ISO will develop solution alternatives, in coordination with the transmission owner(s) and stakeholders
- If the identified reliability-based transmission need is more than three years out, a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for competitive solutions will be issued by the ISO
  - Public Policy and Market Efficiency Transmission Upgrades are developed **only** through a competitive RFP process
- The ISO, working with the New England states and stakeholders, is responsible for **identifying** public policies that are driving transmission needs



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• If there are identified public policies that are driving transmission needs, the ISO is responsible for **selecting** the most cost-effective transmission project to address those public policies

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#### How Are Transmission Costs Allocated?

- The New England electric grid is a tightly interconnected system; each state shares in the benefits of reliability and market efficiency upgrades
- The amount of electricity demand in an area determines its share of the cost of new or upgraded transmission facilities needed for reliability or market efficiency

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- For Public Policy Transmission Upgrades\*
  - 70% of the costs of upgrades are spread throughout the region
  - 30% of the costs are allocated on a load ratio basis among states with a public policy planning need that the particular project addresses



2018 Network Load by State

#### State Installed Solar PV "Heat Maps"

- Understanding the spatial distribution of existing solar PV resources will be critical to the ISO's ongoing integration activities within both System Planning and System Operations
- Based on the data provided by distribution owners, the ISO has aggregated the installed nameplate capacity by town within each state, and generated heat maps showing the results



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Note: Heat map reflects MW of solar PV installed through December 2019.

#### **Rhode Island Installed Solar PV "Heat Map"**

