



Board Policy: **Evaluation of Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning**
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It is the policy of the Long Island Power Authority to fulfill its responsibilities under Section 31.4.2 of the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) using the following procedures to evaluate whether public policy requirements drive the need for physical modifications to the Long Island Transmission District. The procedures are adopted pursuant to Section § 1020-f(z) of the Long Island Power Authority Act.¹

Procedures:

A. Step 1: NYISO 60-Day Solicitation of Public Comments Proposing Public Policy Requirements for Review.

The NYISO, as part of its biennial planning process, holds a 60-day public comment period in which entities may identify public policy requirements that should be evaluated for the purposes of determining whether such requirements drive the need for transmission improvements to the bulk transmission system in New York State, including within the Long Island Transmission District.

B. Step 2: Receipt of Proposals from the NYISO and Request for Evaluation.

The NYISO will transmit to the Authority a request for evaluation of any public comments that propose the evaluation of public policy requirements that may drive the need for physical modifications to the Long Island Transmission District (i.e., transmission needs) pursuant to Section 31.4.2 of the NYISO OATT.

C. Step 3: Authority Staff Evaluation of Transmission Needs.

Authority staff shall commence an evaluation of whether there are any transmission needs within the Long Island Transmission District driven by public policy requirements (“Public Policy

¹ N.Y. Pub. Auth. Art. 5, Title 1-A, §1020-f(z), providing that the Authority may adopt, revise, and amend rules and regulations “with respect to operations, properties and facilities as may be necessary or convenient to carry out [its regulatory oversight of the Long Island Transmission District] subject to the provision of the state administrative procedure act.”

Transmission Need”). Such evaluation shall include consultation with Department of Public Service (“DPS”) staff to insure proper coordination between the Authority and Public Service Commission (“PSC”) processes, as to technical content and schedule. Should the Staff evaluation result in a recommendation to identify a Public Policy Transmission Need, Staff shall produce a report describing its evaluation and justification, along with a discussion of Staff’s consultation with DPS.

D. Step 4: Issuance of SAPA Notice and Initiation of Public Comment Period

Upon completion of the Staff report identifying a Public Policy Transmission Need, the report will be posted on the Authority’s website for public comment, pursuant to the State Administrative Procedures Act. Such public comment period will be initiated by publication of the SAPA notice in the State Register, posting of the Staff report on the Authority’s website, www.lipower.org, and a public announcement and requests for public comment.

E. Step 5: Determination of transmission needs within the Long Island Transmission District driven by Public Policy Requirements

Upon the close of the public comment period, the Board of Trustees shall review and consider all public comments, the Staff report, and such other information or analyses that are included as part of the administrative record of evaluation. The Board of Trustees shall determine whether there are any transmission needs within the Long Island Transmission District that are driven by public policy requirements.

F. Step 6: Submittal of written determination to the New York Public Service Commission

The Board of Trustees written determination will be transmitted to the PSC explaining whether the Authority has identified any transmission needs within the Long Island Transmission District that are driven by public policy requirements. Thereafter, the PSC will determine whether such transmission needs should qualify for statewide cost allocation pursuant to the NYISO OATT. Any transmission projects not designated by the PSC for statewide cost allocation shall remain within the jurisdiction of the Authority to consider within its regular planning process.