

FOR CONSIDERATION

January 23, 2025

TO: The Board of Trustees

FROM: John Rhodes

SUBJECT: Annual Report on the Board Policy on Public Policy Transmission Planning

The Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) is requested to adopt a resolution: (i) approving the Annual Report on the Board Policy on Public Policy Transmission Planning (“the Policy”); and (ii) finding that LIPA has complied with the Policy, which resolution is attached as **Exhibit “A.”**

Background

The Board originally approved the Policy on Public Policy Transmission Planning in May 2018. The Policy was last amended on June 24, 2020. LIPA Staff has reviewed the Policy for this year’s annual review and recommends no changes at this time.

In March 2021, the New York Public Service Commission (“PSC”) declared that increasing Long Island’s interconnections with New York City and Westchester County is a Public Policy Transmission Need (“PPTN”) driven by the interconnection of offshore wind¹. Thereafter, the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) solicited proposals for transmission projects to satisfy the Long Island Offshore Wind Export PPTN (“LI PPTN”) and selected the Propel T-51 project. The Propel T051 project consists of three new 345 kV submarine cables crossing the Long Island Sound, as well as several new underground 345 kV cables within the LIPA system and associated upgrades to existing 138 kV lines. While the LI PPTN process was ongoing, NYISO commenced the start of its 2022-23 public policy transmission planning cycle on August 31, 2022. LIPA and PSEG Long Island evaluated potential needs beyond those being addressed by the LI PPTN solicitation and determined that an additional PPTN could not reasonably be ascertained until after selection was complete for the LI PPTN².

Recent Developments

In August 2024, NYISO commenced the start of its 2024-2025 public policy transmission planning cycle. LIPA and PSEG Long Island evaluated potential public policy transmission needs on Long Island beyond those being addressed by the LI PPTN solicitation and determined that it is premature to identify an additional PPTN at this time.

The following provides summaries and excerpts of the Stakeholder Proposals and comments related to Long Island. Each of the proposals generally cites the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”) goals as the driver of ongoing transmission needs:

¹ Case 20-E-0497, In the Matter of New York Independent System Operator, Inc.'s Proposed Public Policy Transmission Needs for Consideration for 2020 (issued March 18, 2021).

² On June 22, 2023, the PSC established a 2022 PPTN, identifying the need for at least 4,770 MW of new OSW interconnection for NYC.

- Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC. Comments: The proposal states that “the Draft [Clean Energy Standard] (“CES”) Program Review thus recommended that the Commission approve procurement flexibility such that NYSERDA and DPS Staff be given the authority to seek more than 9 GW of offshore wind.” Additionally, it was stated “given the need to effectively advance the CES Program to meet CLCPA mandates, there demonstrably is a Public Policy Requirement that drives the need for transmission.”
- The City of New York’s Comments: The comments generally advocated for a new “transmission path within Zone J,” which “could provide connection points for new tie lines between Zones J and K.”
- Vineyard Offshore Comments: The comments stated that Vineyard Offshore “encourages urgency to prioritize additional proposals of projects to unbottle potential capacity interconnecting into Zone K and support the interconnection of 9 GW of offshore wind by 2035.” Vineyard Offshore also commented that “Zone K will continue to experience significant limitations to deliver renewable power from these areas to consumers.”

LIPA has reviewed the three proposals and, at this time, does not recommend identification of further transmission needs for the Long Island Transmission District beyond those already selected under the 2020-2021 Public Policy Solicitation Process.

LIPA believes that until New York State officially adopts an Offshore Wind target greater than 9 GW, current PPTN processes such as the LI PPTN³, the ongoing NYC PPTN⁴ process, and the current cycle of the Coordinated Grid Planning Process (“CGPP”)⁵ are concluded, it is premature to identify additional transmission needs on Long Island.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend approval of the above-requested action by the adoption of the resolution in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit “A.”**

Attachment

Exhibit “A” Resolution

³ Case No. 20-E-0497 and Case No. 18-E-0623, Order Addressing Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning Purposes (March 19, 2021).

⁴ Case No. 22-E-0633, Matter of New York Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc. Proposed Public Policy Transmission Needs for Consideration for 2022, Order Addressing Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning Purposes (June 22, 2023).

⁵ Case Number: 20-E-0197, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement Transmission Planning Pursuant to the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE BOARD POLICY ON PUBLIC POLICY TRANSMISSION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Board Policy on Public Policy Transmission Planning (“the Policy”) was originally approved by Resolution No. 1414, dated May 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Policy was last amended by Resolution No. 1540, dated June 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has conducted an annual review of the Policy and affirms that the Policy has been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that consistent with the accompanying memorandum, the Board of Trustees hereby finds that the Long Island Power Authority has complied with the Policy for the period since the last annual review and approves the annual report to the Board.

Dated: January 23, 2025