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ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool Participants Committee Docket No. ER16-819-000

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Attention: Theodore J. Paradise

Assistant General Counsel for ISO New England Inc.

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Reference: Revisions to Attachment K to the Open Access Transmission Tariff Related

to the Timing of the Regional System Plan Report

Dear Mr. Paradise and Mr. Runge:

On January 29, 2016, you filed, on behalf of ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) and the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee, revisions to Attachment K to ISO-NE's Open Access Transmission Tariff.¹ You state that the proposed tariff revisions are intended to modify the timing of the Regional System Plan (RSP) report. You explain that ISO-NE is not proposing to substantively change the timing of any of the needs-identification, solutions development, or other substantive work that occurs under the planning process; rather, ISO-NE is proposing to change the compilation of all that information into a single document from every year, to no less than once every three years. You further state that documents such as the RSP project

¹ ISO New England Inc., Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, <u>Attachment K, Attachment K Regional System Planning Process, 18.0.0.</u>

list, annual load forecast, other annual planning inputs, and the reports that form the substantive basis of the RSP will continue to be published as they are completed.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Division of Electric Power Regulation – East, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307, your submittal is accepted for filing, effective March 29, 2016, as requested.

The filing was noticed on January 29, 2016, with comments, interventions, and protests due on or before February 19, 2016. Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2015)), to the extent that any timely filed motions to intervene and any motion to intervene out-of-time were filed before the issuance date of this order, such interventions are granted. Granting late interventions at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties.

This acceptance for filing shall not be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service contained in your filing; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against ISO-NE or NEPOOL.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Kurt M. Longo, Director Division of Electric Power Regulation – East