



# TDI New England

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**Subject: Comments on NESCOE letter to ISO-NE regarding Potential Transmission Needs for a Longer-term Transmission Planning RFP dated Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

TDI commends NESCOE for proactively notifying ISO-NE and stakeholders of the needs it seeks to address in a potential Request for Proposals (RFP). The long-term transmission planning process (LTTP) has provided a valuable framework for advancing state-driven transmission investments grounded in quantitative evaluation, broad regional benefits, and consumer interests.

As outlined in NESCOE's October 16, 2024, letter to ISO-NE, NESCOE has identified increasing transfer capability within the system—particularly to enhance power flow from Maine to New Hampshire and southern New England—as a priority for the first LTTP solicitation. Addressing longstanding constraints on key interfaces that hinder the flow of power from northern to southern New England aligns with NESCOE's objective to support reliable and affordable regional energy solutions.

NESCOE is seeking feedback to achieve two primary objectives:

1. Strengthening the connection between northern and southern New England.
2. Facilitating the integration and deliverability of additional cost-effective generation resources from northern Maine beyond Suowiec.

To support this effort, TDI respectfully submits the following questions and recommendations for consideration:

1. Does NESCOE view the four roadmaps identified in the ISO-NE 2050 Transmission Study as potential solutions for integrating additional generation resources in northern Maine?
2. TDI recommends that the RFP should be flexible enough to allow for solutions that achieve the objectives beyond the four roadmaps identified in the ISO-NE 2050 Transmission Study.
3. Should proposed solutions address one, some, or all the objectives outlined in NESCOE's October 16, 2024, letter?
4. What is the anticipated timeline for issuing the RFP?
5. What is the expected duration of ISO-NE's review and selection process?
6. TDI recommends that ISO-NE issue a draft RFP with a 30-day comment period. This will allow stakeholders to provide comprehensive feedback on achieving the stated objectives and structuring the RFP to maximize effectiveness.

TDI appreciates the opportunity to engage in this process and looks forward to supporting NESCOE and ISO-NE in developing innovative solutions that enhance regional energy reliability and affordability.

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