

# New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) Operating Agreements



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*Transmission Operating Agreement and  
Interconnection Operators Agreement*

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# NECEC Operating Documents

**Proposed Effective Date: Prior to the Trial Operation Date for the NECEC Line**

- Stakeholders are being asked to review and provide an advisory vote on two operating agreements for the NECEC Elective Transmission Upgrade (ETU)
  - The NEPOOL Transmission Committee is being asked to review and provide an advisory vote on the **NECEC Transmission Operating Agreement (TOA)** between the ISO and NECEC Transmission, LLC, the owner of the NECEC Transmission Line
    - The TOA provides for the ISO's operational control authority over the NECEC Transmission Line
  - The NEPOOL Reliability Committee is being asked to review and provide an advisory vote on the **Appalaches-Maine Interconnection Operators Agreement (A-M IOA)** between the ISO and Hydro-Québec
    - The A-M IOA provides for the coordinated operation of the Québec-to-New England interconnection
- The two agreements will be filed with FERC under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act during the first or second quarter of 2025



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- See *Appendix* for additional background information and overview of the NECEC TOA and A-M IOA from the November 2024 [TC](#) and [RC](#) meetings
- See the December 2024 Joint [RC/TC](#) presentation for additional background information
- Since the December 2024 RC/TC meeting, the parties to the A-M IOA have updated the insurance provisions in Section 12.5 of the Agreement to better reflect their respective insurance arrangements



# Stakeholder Schedule

Stakeholder Committee and Date	Scheduled Project Milestone
Reliability Committee November 19, 2024	Initial Presentation
Joint Transmission and Reliability Committee December 19, 2024	Additional Discussion and Review of NECEC TOA and A-M IOA Documents
Reliability Committee January 22, 2025	Vote on A-M IOA
Participants Committee February 6, 2025	Vote on A-M IOA

# Questions



# APPENDIX

*Background Materials from November 2024 TC and RC Meetings*

# Background

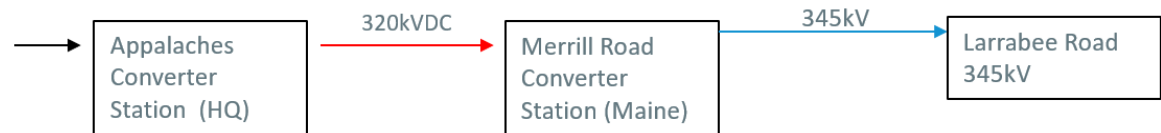
- What is NECEC?
  - An ETU that has been proposed pursuant to Schedule 25 of the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)
  - A 320 kV, DC transmission interconnection between the electric power systems of Hydro-Québec and ISO New England
  - Under an ETU Interconnection Agreement ([ETUIA-ISONE/CMP-20-01](#)), effective 10/30/2020, for up to 1,200 MW import (only) into NE

## NECEC transmission corridor



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# Rationale for Creation of NECEC TOA and A-M IOA

- Pursuant to Section 11.5 of Schedule 25 of the OATT on ETUs:
  - “Prior to achieving Commercial Operation, the Elective Transmission Upgrade must be under the Operational Authority of the System Operator pursuant to a Transmission Operating Agreement and establish a schedule under the ISO OATT pursuant to which service will be offered over the Elective Transmission Upgrade”
  - In addition, the ISO maintains coordination agreements with neighboring control areas to address the coordinated operation of interconnections, and must develop such an agreement governing operation of the NECEC
    - *See for example:* [Phase I/II Interconnection Operators Agreement](#), [Highgate Interconnection Operators Agreement](#), and Coordination Agreements with [New Brunswick](#) and [New York](#)





# NECEC Agreements and Required Schedules

- The ISO, as the entity that will have Operational Authority over the NECEC facility, has been working with NECEC to develop the NECEC TOA
- The ISO has been working with Hydro-Québec to develop the A-M IOA
- NECEC, LLC or an affiliate, as the entity providing transmission service over the NECEC Line, will develop and file OATT Schedule 20B for transmission service over the Line

