# New England Control Area Transmission Services and ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff

# General Business Practices

# Section 2: Pool PTF Rate, Pool RNS Rate and Schedule 1 Rate; and an Overview of the RNS or T/Out Service Application Process

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# Foreword: About the Document

## Purpose

Section 2 of the ISO-NE General Business Practices provides an a more detailed summary of (a) the Pool RNS Rate, Pool PTF Rate and Schedule 1 Rate that are applied to Transmission Customers taking Regional Network Service ("RNS") or Through or Out Service ("T/Out Service") under Section II – Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Section II" or "OATT") of the ISO-NE Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff ("Tariff"), and (b) the requirements and process for applying for RNS and T/Out Service. Reading the information in this document does not relieve the customer of the obligation to read and understand the applicable ISO-NE Operating Documents (e.g., OATT, Market Rule 1, Manuals). All services provided and taken under the Tariff and all External Transactions submitted against such service are subject to the terms and conditions of the approved documents regardless of the information contained in this General Business Practices document. To the extent that there is a conflict between the General Business Practices and other ISO-NE Operating Documents, the ISO-NE Operating Documents shall prevail. Unless otherwise noted, all section and Schedule references are associated with the OATT, which can be found in the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) page.

## Organization of Document

The ISO-NE General Business Practices Document is organized as follows:

- **Section 1 - Overview of Transmission Services offered under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff:** Section 1 provides a general overview of the New England Transmission System and the types and conditions of transmission service offered under the OATT.
- **Section 2 - Pool PTF Rate, Pool RNS Rate and Schedule 1 Rate; and an Overview of the RNS or T/Out Service Application Process:** Section 2 provides a more detailed summary of (a) the Pool RNS Rate, Pool PTF Rate and Schedule 1 Rate that are applied to Transmission Customers taking RNS or T/Out Service under Section II, and (b) the requirements and process for applying for RNS and T/Out Service.

Unless otherwise stated, linked materials are located on the ISO-NE website.

## Questions

Questions regarding information contained in this document and general questions regarding transmission services offered in New England may be directed to the Participant Support and Solutions Team by submitting a case via Ask ISO, emailing AskISO@iso-ne.com or by phone at (413) 540-4220.

# Part 1: Pool PTF, Pool RNS and Schedule 1 Rates

## 1.1 Introduction

Part 1 provides a more detailed summary of the Pool RNS Rate, Pool PTF Rate and Schedule 1 Rate that are applied to Transmission Customers taking RNS or T/Out Service under the OATT. In accordance with the Tariff, there may also be other charges (e.g., OATT Ancillary Service charges, ISO-NE Self-Funding Tariff charges, ISO-NE Capital Funding Tariff charges) assessed to Transmission Customers taking such services. For additional detail on these charges, please contact the Participant Support and Solutions Team by submitting a case via Ask ISO, emailing AskISO@iso-ne.com or by phone at (413) 540-4220.

The current and historic Pool RNS Rate, Pool PTF Rate and Schedule 1 Rate can be found in the Tariff Rates page. In addition, the PTO's supporting Pool RNS Rate, Pool PTF Rate and Schedule 1 Rate informational filings can also be found in the Rate Development of Regional Transmission Charges page.

Part 1 does not provide details on the rates that are associated with other areas of the Tariff. For other rates, charges and credits associated with transmission services offered under Schedules 18, 20A, 20B and 21, the reader should contact the associated Participating Transmission Owner ("PTO"), Schedule 20 Service Provider ("SSP") or Cross Sound Cable, LLC. For other rates, charges and credits associated with the other Schedules to Section II, Section III - Market Rule 1 ("Section III") and Section IV - ISO-NE Self-Funding and Capital Funding Tariffs ("Section IV") the reader should contact ISO-NE Participant Support.

## 1.2 Pool PTF Rate

**1.2.1 Pool PTF Rate:** The Pool PTF Rate is the transmission rate that is determined annually by the PTOs in accordance with Section II.C. - Through or Out Service, MTF Service, OTF Service ("Section II.C.") and Schedule 8 - Through or Out Service - The Pool PTF Rate ("Schedule 8"). The Pool PTF Rate is sometimes referred to as the "T/Out Rate". In accordance with Section II.25 (except as provided for in Section II.25.3), a Transmission Customer which takes T/Out Service shall pay to ISO-NE the Pool PTF Rate for such service reserved for it in accordance with Section II.24.

**1.2.2 Current Pool PTF Rate:** The future Pool PTF Rate, as determined by the PTOs and **effective through December 31, 2026, equals: $177.62722/ kW-yr**.

**1.2.3 Future Pool PTF Rate:** The future Pool PTF Rate, as determined by the PTOs and **effective January 1, 2027, equals: $183.59911/ kW-yr**.

## 1.3 Pool RNS Rate

**1.3.1 The Pool RNS Rate:** The Pool RNS Rate is the transmission rate that is determined annually by the PTOs in accordance with Section II.B. – Regional Network Service ("Section II.B.") and Schedule 9 - Regional Network Service ("Schedule 9"). The Pool RNS Rate is sometimes referred to as the "RNS Rate" or "PTF Rate." In accordance with Section II.21, a Transmission Customer which takes RNS in a month shall pay to ISO-NE the Pool RNS Rate times its Monthly Network Load for the month.

**1.3.2 Current Pool RNS Rate:** The future Pool RNS Rate, as determined by the PTOs and **effective through December 31, 2026, equals: $177.62722/ kW-yr**.

**1.3.3 Future Pool RNS Rate:** The future Pool RNS Rate, as determined by the PTOs and **effective January 1, 2027, equals: $183.59911/ kW-yr**.

## 1.4 Schedule 1 Rate

**1.4.1 The Schedule 1 Rate:** The Schedule 1 Rate is the Ancillary Service rate that is determined annually by the PTOs in accordance with Schedule 1 - Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Service ("Schedule 1"). In accordance with Schedule 1, a Transmission Customer which takes RNS or T/Out Service in a month shall pay to ISO-NE the Schedule 1 Rate times (a) its Monthly Network Load for the month and (b) the T/Out Service reserved for it in accordance with Section II.24.

**1.4.2 Current Schedule 1 Rate:** The current Schedule 1 Rate, as determined by the PTOs and **effective June 1, 2026 equals: $1.87420 / kW-yr**.

## 1.5 Regional Network Load Cost Report

ISO-NE issues a monthly summary of the costs associated with the provision of regional network transmission service (RNS), including charges for the use of transmission facilities, reliability, and certain administrative services Tariff. This report will provide the reader with an understanding of the Tariff costs charged to RNL over each or the past 13 months, and can be found in the Billing, Settlements, and Tariff page.

# Part 2: Application for a Transmission Service Agreement for Regional Network Service or Through or Out Service

## 2.1 Introduction

In addition to other transmission service discussions, Section 1 of the General Business Practices provides an overview of what RNS and T/Out Service is and what transmission applications and agreements are required in support of such service. This Section 2, Part 2 provides additional details with regard to the requirements and process for applying for and receiving RNS and T/Out Service; including, who is required to submit an application, why an application is required and when a Transmission Service Agreement ("TSA") is needed.

Part 2 will not discuss the general or specific business practices of the PTOs, SSPs or Cross Sound Cable, LLC as they relate to Local, Other or Merchant Transmission Services offered over the Non-PTF, Phase I/II HVDC-TF, NECEC Transmission Line and Cross Sound Cable ("CSC").[1] The individual PTOs, SSPs and Cross Sound Cable, LLC post their own general business practices on their respective Transmission Provider Home Pages on the New England Open Access Same-Time Information System ("OASIS") site.

## 2.2 Reasons for submitting an Application for RNS or T/Out Service to ISO-NE

Though this is not an exhaustive list, there are four primary reasons that would cause a prospective Transmission Customer ("Applicant") to complete and submit an application for RNS or T/Out Service to ISO-NE.

### 2.2.1. Reason 1: A non-Participant wheeling Energy through the NECA

Applies to an Applicant that is a non-Participant seeking T/Out Service to support the wheeling of energy in the Real-time Market through the New England Control Area ("NECA") to serve load outside of the NECA.

Once accepted and processed, the application for such service will result in a non-Participant T/Out Service Transmission Service Agreement ("TSA") between the non-Participant and ISO-NE. The TSA will allow the non-Participant to only submit Through transactions in the Real-time Market.

Please note: If the non-Participant is seeking T/Out Service to support such Real-time Market transactions and also hedge themselves in the Day-ahead Market, they will also need to execute a MPSA with ISO-NE in order to submit associated external transaction into the Day-ahead Market in accordance with the Tariff (specifically, Section III – Market Rule 1).

### 2.2.2. Reason 2: A non-Participant seeking to add a new Regional Network Load ("RNL"); establish a separate RNL line item for an existing RNL (i.e., disaggregation); or reassign or terminate a RNL line item for an existing RNL

Applies to an Applicant that is a Market Participant seeking to add a new Regional Network Load ("RNL"), to establish a separate and distinct RNL line item for an RNL that is currently being reported as part of an aggregate RNL of another Transmission Customer, to reassign an existing RNL to another entity, or terminate an existing RNL.

[1] Refer to Schedule 21 - Local Service ("Schedule 21"); Schedule 20A - Phase I/II HVDC-TF Service ("Schedule 20A"), Schedule 20B – NECEC Transmission Service ("Schedule 20B") and Schedule 18 – MTF; MTF Service ("Schedule 18").

Once accepted and processed, the application for the establishment of a new or disaggregated RNL will require that the non-Participant and ISO-NE enter into a non-Participant RNS TSA prior to the establishment of the RNL.

Please note: If the non-Participant needs to also serve the associated load asset/load obligation in the Day-ahead and Real-time Markets, they will be required to either (i) become a party to a MPSA and participate in the wholesale markets or (ii) will need to get a Market Participant to take on the responsibility for the associated load asset/load obligation.

#### 2.2.3. Reason 3: A Market Participant seeking to add a new RNL; establish a separate RNL line item for an existing RNL (i.e., disaggregation); or reassign or terminate a RNL line item for an existing RNL

Applies to an Applicant that is a Market Participant seeking to add a new Regional Network Load ("RNL"), to establish a separate and distinct RNL line item for an RNL that is currently being reported as part of an aggregate RNL of another Transmission Customer, to reassign an existing RNL to another entity, or terminate an existing RNL.

Once accepted and processed, the application for such service typically does not result in a RNS TSA between the Market Participant and ISO-NE. The submittal and processing of the application allows ISO-NE to review the application for any impacts to the PTF in accordance with the OATT (specifically, Section II.16).

#### 2.2.4. Reason 4: A non-Participant or Market Participant serving RNL outside of the NECA

Applies to an Applicant that is a non-Participant or to a Market Participant seeking RNS to support load located outside of the NECA.

Once accepted and processed, the application for such service will result in a non-Participant RNS TSA between the Applicant and ISO-NE.

Please note: The Applicant will also need to address a number of other issues prior to the effective date of the RNS TSA. These issues would include, but are not limited to: arranging for transmission service in the affected control areas between the NECA and where the load is located, and arranging for the affected control areas to have dynamic control/scheduling processes and market mechanisms in place to account for the associated shift in load responsibility. The non-Participant Applicant will be required to either (i) become a party to a MPSA and participate in the wholesale markets or (ii) will need to get a Market Participant to take on the responsibility for the associated load asset/load obligation in order to serve the associated load asset/load obligation in the Day-Ahead and Real-time Markets.

## 2.3 RNS and T/Out Application Process

### 2.3.1 Completion of the of the RNS and T/Out Application

**2.3.1.1 Blank RNS and T/Out Application:** The most current version of the RNS and T/Out Application can be found in the Transmission Service Types page.

**2.3.1.2 Completion of the of the RNS and T/Out Application**

An Applicant will need to complete certain sections of the RNS and T/Out Application depending upon the type of service requested. The application provides the Applicant with instructions and contact information in support of the completion of each section. If the Applicant has questions regarding the completion of the application, they may contact transmissionservicerequests@iso-ne.com.

An Applicant requesting:

- RNS will need to complete Items 1-5, 7 and 8 of the application.
- Through Service will need to complete Items 1-4, and 6-8 of the application.
- Out Service is not required to complete an RNS or T/Out Service Application given that (a) all Real-Time Energy Market export transactions must be submitted by a Market Participant, and (b) all Market Participants must have entered into an MPSA.

Separate applications are required for each request for RNS associated with an individual RNL or resource, blanket Through Service or transaction/path specific Through Service.

The following sections provide an overview and some additional discussion of the eight sections of the RNS and T/Out Application.

#### 2.3.1.3 Application Item 1 - General Information

Item 1 requests that the Applicant provide general information about the company. This information includes: the company address, contact information, FERC Power Marketer docket, OATI webOASIS registration information, Market Participant and affiliate information.

#### 2.3.1.4 Application Item 2 - Deposit and Financial Assurance Requirements

The application deposit and financial assurance requirements required in the submittal of the application differ based upon whether the Applicant is a Market Participant or a non-Participant. The reason for this is that Applicant has already met the application deposit and financial assurance requirements when they became a Market Participant, and a non-Participant has yet to meet these requirements.

**Application Deposit:** As part of the application process, ISO-NE will require a non-Participant Applicant to submit an application deposit to support its responsibilities and obligations under the TSA. The amount of the deposit shall equal (a) the estimated Reserved Capacity for one month of service for service requests equal to or greater than one month or (b) the estimated Reserved Capacity for the requested term times (the Pool RNS or PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate), for service requests of less than one month. Tables 2.3-1 and 2.3-2 will assist the Applicant in estimating the amount of an RNS or T/Out Application Deposit. To determine the exact amount required for the deposit, please contact: transmissionservicerequests@iso-ne.com.

**Time for Submitting Deposit**: It is recommended that deposits, if required, be sent three to seven days in advance of submitting the application for Transmission Service.

**Method of Payment:** Deposits shall be paid by electronic fund transfer, through Fed Wire or the Automated Clearing House (ACH), as indicated below.

- **Electronic payments**: Contact Transmission Service Requests (transmissionservicerequests@iso-ne.com) for instructions and the supporting account number and ACH or Fed Wire transfer ABA information.

**Refund of Application Deposit:** If an application does not lead to a TSA, the deposit will be returned with interest minus any administrative fees.

**Table 2.3-1: Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit Formulas effective June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

| Expected Reservation Period | Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit (Rounded to the nearest dollar) |
|---|---|
| 1 month or greater | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 179.50 |
| 3 Weeks | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 124.36 |
| 2 Weeks | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 82.91 |
| 5 to 7 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 41.45 |
| 4 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 33.16 |
| 3 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 24.87 |
| 2 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 16.58 |
| 1 Day | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 8.29 |
| 1 to 23 hours | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 0.35 * # of hours |

**Table 2.3-2: Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit Calculator effective June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

| Estimated RNS or T/Out Deposit Calculator | | |
|---|---|---|
| Enter Current Pool RNS PTF Rate (see Section 1.2 and 1.3) | 177.62722 | $/kW-Yr |
| Entery Current OATT Schedule 1 Rate (see Section 1.4) | 1.87420 | $/kW-Yr |
| Enter the amount of Service to be Requested (in whole MW) | 1 | MW |
| If less than one day (24 hours), enter the number of hours of service to be requested (in whole hours) | 1 | Hours |

| Expected Reservation Period | Deposit per Period | Estimated Deposit |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Month or greater | $14,958.00 | $14,958.00 |
| 3 Weeks | $10,356.00 | $10,356.00 |
| 2 Weeks | $6,904.00 | $6,904.00 |
| 5 Days to 7 Days | $3,452.00 | $3,452.00 |
| 4 Days | $2,760.00 | $2,760.00 |
| 3 Days | $2,070.00 | $2,070.00 |
| 2 Days | $1,380.00 | $1,380.00 |
| 1 Day | $690.00 | $690.00 |
| Hour | $29.00 | $29.00 |

**Table 2.3-3: Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit Formulas effective January 1, 2027**

| Expected Reservation Period | Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit (Rounded to the nearest dollar) |
|---|---|
| 1 month or greater | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 185.46 |
| 3 Weeks | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 128.49 |
| 2 Weeks | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 85.66 |
| 5 to 7 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 42.83 |
| 4 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 34.27 |
| 3 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 25.70 |
| 2 Days | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 17.13 |
| 1 Day | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 8.57 |
| 1 to 23 hours | # of MW * (Current Pool RNS/PTF Rate + OATT Schedule 1 Rate; in $/kW-Yr) * 0.36 * # of hours |

**Table 2.3-4: Estimated RNS or T/Out Application Deposit Calculator effective January 1, 2027**

| Estimated RNS or T/Out Deposit Calculator | | |
|---|---|---|
| Enter Current Pool RNS PTF Rate (see Section 1.2 and 1.3) | 183.59911 | $/kW-Yr |
| Entery Current OATT Schedule 1 Rate (see Section 1.4) | 1.87420 | $/kW-Yr |
| Enter the amount of Service to be Requested (in whole MW) | 1 | MW |
| If less than one day (24 hours), enter the number of hours of service to be requested (in whole hours) | 1 | Hours |
| **Expected Reservation Period** | **Deposit per Period** | **Estimated Deposit** |
| 1 Month or greater | $15,455.00 | $15,455.00 |
| 3 Weeks | $10,701.00 | $10,701.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Weeks | $7,134.00 | $7,134.00 |
| 5 Days to 7 Days | $3,567.00 | $3,567.00 |
| 4 Days | $2,852.00 | $2,852.00 |
| 3 Days | $2,139.00 | $2,139.00 |
| 2 Days | $1,426.00 | $1,426.00 |
| 1 Day | $713.00 | $713.00 |

**Calculator Instructions:**

For an editable version of the calculator please contact transmissionservicerequests@iso-ne.com.

**Financial Assurance:** As part of the application process, ISO-NE will require a non-Participant Applicant to establish creditworthiness in accordance the financial assurance policy, which is Section V of Exhibit 1A – ISO-NE Financial Assurance Policy for non-Participant Transmission Customers ("Exhibit1A")" to the Section I of the ISO Tariff. Exhibit 1A requires that each non-Participant Applicant establish their creditworthiness through credit review procedures, in accordance with standard commercial practices. As part of this process, the non-Participant Applicant is required to submit a credit application and supporting information. In addition to contact, billing credit rating and reference information, the credit application requires that the Applicant provide certain tax forms (W-8 or W-9) and financial statements. The required forms and links can be located on the Application form.

**Submittal of the Credit Application:** The credit application may be submitted along with the application for Transmission Service. Because the amount of time required to complete the credit review varies widely, it is recommended that credit applications be submitted at least a month before the Applicant takes service under the Tariff for the first time.

**Subsequent Financial Assurance Reviews:** Once creditworthiness has been established, it is reviewed on an annual basis or whenever an Applicant's (non- Participant or Market Participant) circumstances or service changes.

### 2.3.1.5 Application Item 3 - Reciprocity

**Parties Subject to Reciprocity Obligation:** A Transmission Customer receiving transmission service under the OATT agrees to provide comparable transmission service on similar terms and conditions to other entities. The reciprocity requirement applies not only to the Applicant that obtains transmission service under the OATT, but also to all parties to a transaction involving the use of transmission service under the OATT, including the power seller, buyer, and intermediary (such as a power marketer), and any Applicant owning, controlling or operating transmission

facilities that uses an intermediary (such as a power marketer) to request transmission service under the OATT. The Applicant must indicate whether it is capable of providing comparable transmission services.

**Inability to meet the Reciprocity Obligation:** An Applicant that is unable to provide comparable transmission services must submit a sworn statement with the application explaining why comparable transmission services cannot be provided. Reasons for not providing reciprocal service may include circumstances where the Applicant does not own, control or operate transmission facilities.

### 2.3.1.6 Application Item 4 - Ancillary Services

**Purchased from ISO-NE:** Transmission Customers are required to purchase the following Ancillary Services from ISO-NE: (a) Schedule 1 - Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Service, (b) Schedule 2 - Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation Sources Service, (c) Schedule 16 - System Restoration and Planning Service from Generators, and (d) Schedule 19 – Special Constraint Resource Service. RNS and T/Out Service customers pay for the costs associated with Schedules 1 and 2; RNS customers pay for the costs associated with Schedule 16; and designated transmission providers pay for the costs associated with Schedule 19.

**Obtained through the ISO-NE Markets:** Transmission Customers utilizing the ISO-NE markets are required to purchase the following Ancillary Services in accordance with Section III of the Tariff: (a) Schedule 3 - Regulation & Frequency Response Service; (b) Schedule 4 - Energy Imbalance Service; (c) Schedule 5 - Operating Reserve Ten Minute Spinning Reserve Service; (d) Schedule 6 - Operating Reserve Ten-Minute Non-Spinning Reserve Service; (e) Schedule 7 - Operating Reserve Thirty-Minute Operating Reserve Service; and (f) Schedule 10 – Generator Imbalance Service.

**Purchased from MTO, OTO or PTO**: An Applicant expecting to also utilize the Non-PTF, MTF or OTF may be required to purchase certain Ancillary Services from the MTO, OTO or PTO as specified in accordance with the Local, MTF or OTF Service Agreement. The Applicant should contact the Local, MTF and OTF Transmission Service provider to determine whether such ancillary service charges will apply.

### 2.3.1.7 Application Item 5 - Regional Network Service

Item 5 consists of three sections. The Applicant only needs to complete one of the sections based on the status and location of the RNL to be served.

**Item 5.a - Reassignment of Existing RNL internal to the NECA:** Item 5.a is intended to recognize the utilization of RNS due to a reassignment or disaggregation of existing RNL that is located within the NECA.

Applicants are requested to provide information associated with the existing RNL. The Applicant may need to confer with the PTO that reports the existing RNL to determine the RNL's location, name and current responsible entity.

**Item 5.b - New RNL Internal to the NECA:** Item 5.b is intended to recognize the utilization of RNS by the addition of a new RNL that is located within the NECA. Applicants are requested to provide information associated with a new RNL.

**Item 5.c - RNL or Resource External to the NECA:** Item 5.c is intended to recognize the utilization of RNS to serve a new or existing RNL or resource that is located outside of the NECA. In addition to the set of information requested under Item 5.b, it is requested that the Applicants provide information associated with the new RNL or resource. Applicants are also required to provide:

(i) An executed Scheduling and Interconnection Agreement between ISO-NE, the control area in which the load is located and any control areas that are providing transmission service between the control area in which the load is located and ISO-NE; and

(ii) A RNS termination agreement between the Applicant and the associated RNS provider in the control area where the load or resource is located. The termination agreement should be effective coincident with the date that the Applicant begins taking RNS under Section II of the ISO-NE Tariff.

### 2.3.1.8 Application Item 6 – Through or Out Service

**Though Service:** ISO-NE will provide Through Service to an Applicant that desires to wheel energy through the New England Control Area. Unless an MPSA has been executed, the Applicant must apply for and execute a non-Participant T/Out Service Agreement. An Applicant may apply for a blanket or transaction/path specific non-Participant T/Out Service Agreement. Through Service must be requested in 1 MW increments and the minimum reservation amount shall be no less than 1 MW.

**Out Service:** Given that (a) all Real-Time Energy Market export transactions must be submitted by a Market Participant, and (b) all Market Participants must have entered into an MPSA, an application requesting Out Service is not required. If an Applicant that *is* a Market Participant submits an external transaction for consideration in the Real-Time Energy Market for the purpose of exporting energy from the New England Control Area and ISO-NE schedules the transaction, ISO-NE will, after-the-fact, issue an Out Service reservation for the transaction.

**2.3.1.9 Application Item 7 – Date and Term of Service:** Item 7 requests that the Applicant provide commencement and termination dates for the requested transmission service. A single term of service must apply to all of the service requested under the application; multiple periods cannot be requested.

RNS will begin on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month, and are typically for periods of 12 months or more.

T/Out Service may begin and end in any hour and are for hourly, daily, weekly or yearly periods.

**2.3.1.10 Application Item 8 – Signature:** Item 8 requests that the Applicant execute the application and that ISO-NE recognize the time and date that it received the application.

## 2.4 What occurs after the Applicant completes the Application

Following the submittal of the application for service, ISO-NE will process the application. This includes: acknowledging its receipt, reviewing the contents, working with the Applicant to address any deficiencies, and accepting or rejecting the application. Following the acceptance of an application, ISO-NE will determine whether an evaluation as part of the Cluster Study is required and, if so, enter into a Cluster Study Agreement with the Applicant. Based on the results of the evaluation as part of the Cluster Study, the Applicant may need to pay for all or part of the construction of any supporting transmission system upgrades. After these steps have been completed, (a) a non-Participant RNS or T/Out Transmission Service Agreement may then be executed, if required and (b) a new RNL may be established.

**2.4.1 Submittal of the Application:** The application is to be submitted via e-mail (in PDF format) or by regular mail.

- **E-Mail Submittals** are to be directed to:
  Transmission Service Request (transmissionservicerequests@iso-ne.com);
- **Regular Mail Submittals** are to be mailed to:
  ISO New England Inc.
  Transmission Services
  System Planning Dept.
  One Sullivan Road,
  Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

**Timing of Submittal**: Applications should be submitted to the ISO-NE at least sixty (60) days in advance of the month that service is requested to begin so that the ISO-NE has sufficient time to process the application and the Applicant can address any issues that may arise with the application. Additional time is needed for applications that require a study based on the Cluster Study timeline.

### 2.4.2 Processing of the Application by ISO-NE

**Acknowledgement of Receipt:** ISO-NE will acknowledge the request within ten (10) days of its receipt.

**Review and Approval/Rejection of Application:** ISO-NE will review the application and determine whether all of the required information has been provided.

- **Application Fails to Meet Submittal Requirements:** If an application fails to meet the submittal requirements, ISO-NE will notify the Applicant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the application and specify the reasons for such failure. ISO-NE will attempt to assist the Applicant with remedying any deficiencies. If such efforts are unsuccessful, the application will be returned without prejudice to the Applicant, who may thereafter file a new or revised application.
- **Application Meets Submittal Requirements:** If it is determined that the submittal requirements have been met, ISO NE will notify the Applicant that the application has been accepted for processing. The accepted application

will then be forwarded to the ISO-NE System Planning Department to determine whether there is a need for an evaluation as part of the Cluster Study.

**2.4.3 Regional Cluster Study Evaluation:** ISO-NE may need to perform an evaluation as part of the Cluster Study to determine the options for accommodating the request for RNS or T/Out Service. If ISO-NE determines that an evaluation as part of the Cluster Study is necessary to accommodate the requested service, it shall, as soon as practicable, inform the Applicant and all affected Transmission Owner(s).

**Cluster Study Agreement:** If ISO-NE determines that an evaluation as part of the Cluster Study is necessary, it will tender a Cluster Study Agreement within thirty (30) days of the acceptance of the application. The Cluster Study Agreement will include a description of the required studies and the estimated costs of performing the study. The Applicant shall agree to reimburse ISO-NE and any affected Transmission Owner(s) for performing or participating in the Cluster Study. The Applicant must execute the Cluster Study Agreement and return it to ISO-NE during the next Cluster Request Window together with the study and Commercial Readiness deposits and technical data required of new requests. If the Applicant elects not to execute a Cluster Study Agreement, its application shall be deemed withdrawn and its deposit (less the reasonable administrative costs incurred by ISO-NE and any affected Transmission Owner(s)) shall be returned with interest.

**Supporting Construction:** In the event that ISO determines that additions or upgrades to the PTF, OTF, or MTF are required to accommodate the requests for Regional Network Service that are studied as part of a Cluster, the costs of the additions or upgrades will be allocated to each Eligible Customer whose request was studied as part of the Cluster in a manner consistent with the means by which costs for Generating Facility related upgrades are allocated through Schedule 11 of the OATT. The Applicant also has the option to withdraw the application prior to the start of construction. Any agreements regarding the payment of costs for the addition or upgrade of equipment or construction of associated transmission facilities will be included in the TSA. Regional Network Service shall not commence until the installation of all equipment specified in the Cluster Study has been completed.

**2.4.4 Withdrawal during the Application Process:** The Applicant may, at any time during the processing of the application, provide ISO-NE with a formal notice of withdrawal of the application and request that ISO-NE return its deposit. Upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal, ISO-NE will (i) consider the application withdrawn, (ii) cease any ongoing evaluation as part of the Cluster Study, and (iii) return the deposit with interest, if any, less the reasonable Administrative Costs incurred by ISO-NE and any affected entities) to the Applicant.

## 2.5. Approval of RNS or T/Out Transmission Service Request

Following the acceptance of the application and the successful completion of the supporting evaluation as part of the Cluster Study, ISO-NE will approve the request for RNS or T/Out Transmission Service and, to the extent required, enter into a RNS or T/Out Transmission Service Agreement with the Applicant.

**2.5.1 Executed RNS or T/Out Service Transmission Service Agreement:** As required, a RNS or T/Out Service Transmission Service Agreement establishes the terms, conditions and type of service under which the applicant will take transmission service from ISO-NE.

An RNS or T/Out Service application associated with the service requests in Sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.4 (Reasons #1, 2 and 4, respectively) will require that the Applicant and ISO-NE execute a TSA prior to the service being provided under the OATT.

An RNS application associated with a Market Participant seeking to add a new RNL or to break out an existing RNL (see Reason #3 in Section 2.2.3) does not result in an executed RNS Transmission Service Agreement. This is because the application process ensures ISO-NE reviews the transmission system to ensure that the request for service does not have any regional impacts. Once this review has been completed, the Market Participant has access to RNS under its Market Participant Service Agreement.

**2.5.2 Execution of the TSA:** Following the review and study periods, the final draft RNS or T/Out Service Transmission Service Agreement will be developed by ISO-NE and ISO-NE will offer the TSA to the Applicant. The Applicant then has 15 days to execute and return the Agreement to ISO-NE or withdraw the application. As required, ISO-NE will then execute the Agreement.

**2.5.3 Filing of Transmission Service Agreement:** ISO-NE will file, if needed, and report Service Agreements for RNS or T/Out Service with the Commission in compliance with applicable Commission regulations.

**2.5.4 Notification of Executed Transmission Service Agreement:** To the extent required, ISO-NE Transmission Services will notify its Participant Support and Settlements Departments and the affected PTO to ensure that the RNS or T/Out Service Transmission Service Agreement is properly recognized in the ISO-NE market settlements systems and the PTO's calculation and reporting of RNL.