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|  | Planning Advisory Committee |
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|  | Notice of Initiation of the 2026 Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island (SEMA/RI) Minimum Load Solutions Study |

This memo serves as the notice of initiation for the 2026 Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island (SEMA/RI) Minimum Load Solutions Study. This Solutions Study will be performed in accordance with the reliability planning process as established in Section 4.2 in Attachment K of the Open Access Transmission Tariff[[1]](#footnote-1). The study area is bounded by the SEMA-RI electrical interface. This translates into a geographical area which includes the areas within Massachusetts located south of Boston as well as the entire state of Rhode Island. Additionally, the adjacent area of Boston was evaluated as a part of the SEMA.RI minimum load Needs Assessment due to the electrical proximity to the SEMA/RI study area.

The 2026 SEMA/RI Area Minimum Load Needs Assessment was completed on August 2, 2017 with the posting of the Needs Assessment report.[[2]](#footnote-2)

The 2026 SEMA/RI Minimum Load Solutions Study will include steady-state analysis and the objective of this study is to solve the criteria violations identified in the in the 2026 SEMA/RI Area Minimum Load Needs Assessment. The study files to be used for the Solutions Study will be the same files used for the Needs Assessment which were posted on March 8, 2017.[[3]](#footnote-3)

All study files, notices, and other material related to the 2026 SEMA/RI Minimum Load Solutions Study will be posted under the Planning Advisory Committee materials on the ISO-NE external website and will also be posted under Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Key Study Area on the ISO-NE external website. See link to the key study area on the ISO external website below:

<https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/key-study-areas/sema-ri>

A separate announcement will be made when additional items are posted.

1. <https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/regulatory/tariff/sect_2/oatt/sect_ii.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Area 2026 Minimum Load Needs Assessment, August 2017, [https://smd.iso-ne.com/operations-services/ceii/pac/2017/08/ceii\_final\_sema\_ri\_min\_load\_needs\_  
   assessment\_report.pdf](https://smd.iso-ne.com/operations-services/ceii/pac/2017/08/ceii_final_sema_ri_min_load_needs_assessment_report.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://smd.iso-ne.com/operations-services/ceii/pac/2017/03/ceii_updated_semari_min_load_needs_assessment_study_files.zip> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)