



Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor Application Reminder

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Purpose

- To remind stakeholders of the Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor (QTPS) application process



Background

- As a result of Order 1000, the ISO modified its processes in 2015 to include a path for competitive transmission solution development by approved QTPSs
- As part of that process, the QTPS application and associated annual certification processes were developed and discussed with stakeholders*
 - The process is documented in the Transmission Planning Process Guide (TPPG)** and on the ISO's website***

*PAC Presentations: Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor (QTPS) Qualification Process – Introduction Rev. 1, May 21, 2015 PAC Presentation, https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2015/05/a5_ferc_order_1000_qtps_qualification_process_presentation_rev1.pdf; and Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor (QTPS) Process, June 17, 2015 PAC Presentation, https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2015/06/a5_ferc_order_1000_qtps_process_part_2.pdf

**Transmission Planning Process Guide: Section 2.2, Process for Becoming a Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor, https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2018/05/transmission_planning_process_guide_1_30_2018.pdf

***QTPS page on ISO web site, Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor Application and Annual Certification, <https://www.iso-ne.com/participate/applications-status-changes/qtps-application-annual-certification/>



Qualify as a QTPS before a Proposal is Submitted

- Any entity that intends to submit a proposal (Proposal) in response to an ISO identified need for a Reliability Transmission Upgrade (RTU), Market Efficiency Transmission Upgrade (METU), Public Policy Transmission Upgrade (PPTU) or a Backstop Transmission Solution must first be recognized by the ISO as a QTPS in accordance with Section 4B of Attachment K
 - A PTO may be identified as the provider of a Backstop Transmission Solution
 - Because the provider of a Backstop Transmission Solution is required to be a QTPS, it is expected that all such PTOs become QTPSs



Important Timeline Constraints

- Based on the results of the Boston Needs Assessment to date, the ISO plans to release its first request for proposal (RFP) for a competitively developed transmission solution in late 2019 or early 2020
- The ISO attempts to complete its review of a QTPS application within 90 days of the application being deemed complete
 - Actual timelines are dependent on the quality of the information provided in the application and the number of applications being processed. To help expedite the process:
 - Be sure that the responses to the questions on the application form actually answer the question
 - Be sure that the responses are related to the entity that is applying for QTPS status, rather than other related entities unless the question on the application form specifically asks for a description of such relationships
- Plan accordingly
 - If your company plans on participating in the potential Boston RFP (or any other future competitive transmission solution RFP), submit your QTPS application soon
 - Entities that are not a QTPS will not be able to access the system the ISO will be using to administer the RFP
 - The ISO will be using a web-based application called RFP360*
 - More information on use of the RFP system will be provided to QTPSs at a later date

*General information on this web-based application can be found at www.rfp360.com

Questions

