

To: Planning Advisory Committee and Qualified Transmission Project Sponsors
From: Brent Oberlin, Director of Transmission Planning
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Subject: Issuance of the Boston 2028 Request for Proposal

ISO New England is pleased to announce its first request for proposal (RFP) for a competitively-selected transmission solution to address reliability concerns associated with the upcoming retirement of the Mystic Generating Station in Everett, MA.

The Boston 2028 RFP will be utilized to solve the identified transmission needs found in both the Boston 2028 Needs Assessment Update¹ and the 2028 Needs Assessment Addendum.² Materials³ for the Boston 2028 RFP have been posted at three locations on the ISO web site:

- Competitive Transmission Projects: <https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/transmission-planning/competitive-transmission-projects/>
- Planning Advisory Committee: <https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/planning/planning-advisory/>
- Greater Boston Key Study Area: <https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/key-study-areas/greater-boston/>

Under the competitive process, any Qualified Transmission Project Sponsor (QTPS) may submit a Phase One Proposal(s), while NSTAR Electric Company and New England Power Company are required to submit a joint Backstop Transmission Solution (Phase One Proposal) for consideration in response to the RFP.

The competitive transmission process is a result of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Order 1000 and is being administered following Attachment K of the ISO-NE New Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)⁴.

The ISO will review all the proposals in a two-phase process before ultimately selecting the preferred solution. The deadline for Phase One Proposal submission is 11 pm on March 4, 2020.

¹ https://smd.iso-ne.com/operations-services/ceii/pac/2019/10/ceii_final_boston_2028_na_update.pdf

² https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/2019/10/final_boston_2028_na_addendum.pdf

³ Two files should be referenced. "Boston 2028 RFP Documents.zip" contains the specific RFP documents. "Boston 2028 RFP Study Files.zip" contains the steady state and short circuit files that were used to evaluate system needs in the area.

⁴ https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/regulatory/tariff/sect_2/oatt/sect_ii.pdf (which was recently modified and subsequently approved by FERC on December 10, 2019.)