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To: Planning Advisory Committee and Qualified Transmission Project Sponsors

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Subject: Lessons Learned from the Boston RFP

As we are wrapping up the region's first competitive transmission solicitation process, administered in accordance with Section 4.3 of Attachment K to the ISO New England Open Access Transmission Tariff, I would like to remind stakeholders of the ISO's commitment to hold a "lessons-learned" discussion after the conclusion of the Boston 2028 RFP. While the process functioned as intended, the ISO observed some areas for improvement and I am sure that others have suggested improvements as well. As an example, the ISO has noted that due to the handling of corollary upgrades, inclusion of life-cycle costs as part of the Phase One Proposals places a burden on the QTPS, yet has little value during that stage of the process. Similarly, some of the stakeholder comments received regarding the Boston 2028 Phase One Proposal review provided some insight into areas where stakeholders may see opportunities for improvement.

Therefore, consistent with prior commitments the ISO has made in this regard, I am reminding stakeholders that the ISO plans to hold a "lessons-learned" discussion with respect to competitive transmission solicitations. Additionally, the ISO plans on offering each of the QTPSs that responded to the Boston 2028 RFP an opportunity for a one-on-one discussion with the ISO where QTPS specific questions regarding their proposals and/or the process can be discussed. While the exact dates have not been determined at this time, the ISO is targeting the fourth quarter of 2020 to begin both of these discussions.