To: Planning Advisory Committee
From: ISO Transmission Planning
Date: July 17, 2020
Subject: Posting of the Final Boston 2028 RFP Review of Phase One Proposals Report and Notice of Initiation of the Boston 2028 Solutions Study – Mystic Retirement

This memo serves as notice of the posting of the final Boston 2028 RFP Review of Phase One Proposals report. The final Boston 2028 RFP Review of Phase One Proposals report is posted on the ISO’s external website under the Planning Advisory Committee materials, the Greater Boston Key Study Area, and Competitive Transmission Projects (https://www.iso-ne.com/system-planning/transmission-planning/competitive-transmission-projects/).

The draft Boston 2028 RFP Review of Phase One Proposals report was posted for review by the members of the Planning Advisory Committee on June 16, 2020. The comments received from stakeholders during the review period and the ISO response to those comments are included in the “Response to Stakeholder Comments on the Boston 2028 RFP – Review of Phase One Proposals” document. This document is also posted on the ISO’s external website under the Planning Advisory Committee materials, the Greater Boston Key Study Area, and Competitive Transmission Projects.

The final Boston 2028 RFP Review of Phase One Proposals report documents the final listing of qualifying Phase One Proposals. Since only one Phase One Proposal, the Boston Area Optimized Solution (BOS-017), is on the final listing of qualifying Phase One Proposals, a Solutions Study will be initiated based on section 4.1(i) of Attachment K of the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).^1

Section 4.1(i) of Attachment K states:

• “Where the ISO forecasts that a solution is needed to solve reliability criteria violations in three years or less from the completion of a Needs Assessment (unless the solution to the Needs Assessment will likely be a Market Efficiency Transmission Upgrade), and the requirements of Section 4.1(j) of this Attachment have been met or where there is only one Phase One Proposal submitted in response to a request for

This memo also serves as notice of the initiation of the Boston 2028 Solutions Study – Mystic Retirement. The ISO will work with the proponents of BOS-017, Eversource and National Grid, as a part of the Boston 2028 Solutions Study – Mystic Retirement. This Solutions Study will be performed in accordance with the reliability planning process as established in Section 4.2 in Attachment K of the OATT.