# New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers Energy Dialogue 2012

**Coordinated Competitive Renewable Power Procurement** 

New England States Committee on Electricity May 17, 2012 Coordinated Renewable Power Procurement

**Objective**: To consider identifying, through joint or separate but coordinated competitive processes, those resources that have the greatest potential to help meet the region's renewable energy goals at the lowest "all-in" delivered cost to consumers – the cost of generation & transmission combined

### 2009: Governors' Renewable Energy Blueprint



States' Policy Observations: Interest in lowest all-in delivered cost, potential opportunities through coordinated contracting & siting



ISO Technical Analysis: New England has more renewable resources than it needs; could export if developed aggressively

#### 2010: Report to the New England Governors Coordinated Renewable Procurement



Assessed New England states' power procurement practices, processes, looked for coordination opportunities

Preliminary information about potential mechanisms to coordinate competitive procurement of renewable resources

Identifies some potential terms & conditions
& possible regulatory approval process
approaches concerning renewable procurement

#### Early 2011: Renewable Request for Information

Market inquiry about resources with potential to help meet renewable energy goals at *lowest 'all-in' delivered cost* & for which a coordinated competitive procurement process could facilitate commercial development

#### **Criteria**:

- New resources
- Deliverable to New England loads
- Operational by 2016 &
- Eligible for all 5 New England states' RPS & VT's renewable goals (wind, solar, landfill gas, small hydro & biomass)
- Other: sought information from transmission developers on transmission that could facilitate delivery
- No Cost Information Requested

# **RFI: Renewable Generation Responses**

#### **Highlights**:

• 4,700 MW by 2016

• 90% wind on & off shore

	Within New England						Outside of	
							New	
Technology	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT	England	Total
Biomass	82.0	137.3	30.0					249.3
Landfill gas		1.6					1.6	3.2
Small Hydro			3.0					3.0
Solar	4.0	27.0						31.0
Wind - on-shore		4.0	2519.3	351.0			584.5	3458.8
Wind - off-shore			30.0		1000.0			1030.0
Total	86.0	169.9	2582.3	351.0	1000.0		586.1	4775.2

	Year of initial commercial operation						
Technology	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Biomass	46.4	0.9	77.0	30.0	55.0	40.0	249.3
Landfill gas	1.6		1.6				3.2
Small Hydro	3.0						3.0
Solar		17.0			14.0		31.0
Wind - on-shore	20.0	586.3	413.5	481.0	1643.0	315.0	3458.8
Wind - off-shore					1030.0		1030.0
Total	71.0	604.2	492.1	511.0	2742.0	355.0	4775.2

• 50+% Maine onshore wind

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# **RFI: Transmission Responses**

## **Highlights:**

#### • 1 off-shore

#### • 1 NY-VT upgrade

• 5 Maine to load, generally consistent with generator submissions

Project Number	Description	Miles of New Transmission	Technology	Capacity (MWs)
1	Off-shore transmission system to deliver energy from off-shore wind turbines to loads in southern New England	Not specified	Not specified	Up to 4000 MW, in 1000 MW increments
2	Interconnection between upstate NY and northern VT	Not specified	230 or 345 kV interconnection points	600
3	Connection from Maine Public Service Company transmission system to CMP transmission system	~26	345 kV AC line within Maine	200+ (at least 200 MW of wind projects have been identified)
4	HVDC link between northern Maine and downtown Boston	~300	HVDC overhead line and submarine cable	800
5	Transmission upgrades in western Maine	Not specified	115 and/or 345 kV AC lines	Up to 1100
6	HVDC link between central Maine and northern Massachusetts	230	HVDC underground line	1100 (with potential for some additional increase on existing lines)
7	AC transmission upgrades between Maine and southern New England	Unknown	Unknown	1000-2000



July 2011: Governors' Resolution Expressed Continued Interest in Exploring Coordinated Competitive Procurement

NESCOE undertook analysis to provide *directionally indicative* cost analysis in relation to new on- & off-shore wind resources to help inform policymakers' decisions about the potential for coordinated competitive renewable power procurement

# **Renewable Supply Curve Analysis**

➢Assessed amount of wind resources developable in New England (2016 & 2020) & New York (2020)

Estimated generation cost for various wind resources in New England & New York

Estimated indicative transmission costs to integrate wind into regional power supply

#### **Resource Focus - Maine & NH Wind**

• Corresponds to predominant resource responding to NESCOE's 2011 renewable RFI & resources in ISO-NE's 2009 New England Governors' Study

• Does not indicate preference for wind relative to other renewable resources available to help New England meet clean energy objectives

# The Transmission Factor

If *no* additional transmission was required to integrate wind

Including estimated transmission costs shifts to off-shore & imports

- In 2016, 72% of incremental regional needs for renewables would be met by on-shore wind in Maine. Imports would supply 8%.
- In 2020, 47% of incremental regional needs for renewables would be met by on-shore wind in Maine. Imports would supply 20%.

- In 2016, 44% of incremental regional needs for renewables would be met by off-shore wind & imports. Maine onshore wind would meet 36%.
- In 2020, 45% of incremental regional needs for renewables would be met by off-shore wind & imports. Maine onshore wind would meet 32%.

# Next Steps

- ✓ States assessing results of supply curve analysis, related issues
- Considering options relative to next steps, including thinking about:
  - What terms & conditions might be particularly important to enabling states to meet their renewable energy goals
  - Whether there are any impediments to such procurement that would need to be resolved prior to moving forward
  - Relationship between Order 1000 & coordinated renewable power procurement

#### Welcome Dialogue

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