

## New England States Committee on Electricity

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### **Status Report: Coordinated Renewable Procurement**

*July 1, 2011*- The New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE) provides this status report to New England stakeholders about the states' interest in developing the region's renewable resources able to serve customers at the lowest all-in cost, and the potential to do so through coordinated renewable procurement. The New England states are continuing to pursue the possibility of joint, or separate but coordinated, procurement of resources that satisfy the New England states' Renewable Portfolio Standards and/or clean energy goals.

NESCOE's Request for Information (RFI) conducted in early 2011 confirmed that sufficient potential resources exist to enable New England to develop or import Renewable Portfolio Standard-qualifying renewable energy to meet the region's renewable energy goals. The RFI was further successful in identifying transmission projects in various stages of development that, subject to further analysis, could facilitate the delivery of renewable energy to New England consumers. The information submitted by renewable generators and others in response to the RFI provided the New England states a reasonable basis to conclude, preliminarily, that coordinating the states' efforts with respect to the procurement and delivery of such resources may enable the states to achieve their various objectives in a more cost-effective manner than if each state sought to satisfy on their own the entirety of their individual clean energy objectives.

NESCOE is considering options and analyzing the economic implications of various development configurations. This further analysis may help signal to the states the potential cost of meeting regional renewable goals and inform next steps. NESCOE is examining possible means to move forward in a way that is consistent with competitive principles and minimally intrusive in New England's markets.

Separately, NESCOE recently announced the formation of an *Interstate Transmission Siting Collaborative*. The purpose of the Collaborative is to consider, and to implement as appropriate, means to increase coordination of states' siting processes required for interstate transmission facilities in New England. This effort, while not exclusively focused on transmission to reach renewable resources, is intended to help facilitate development of the region's no-and low-carbon resources.