# 2015 ISO/RTO Metrics Report Summary

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#### ISO/RTO Metrics Report – Background

- Independent system operators (ISOs) and regional transmission organizations (RTOs) that are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) prepare the ISO/RTO Metrics Report.
- At FERC's direction, the report provides information on various data points common to each of the system operators.
  - *Further history*: The ISO/RTO Metrics Report originated in 2008 with a review by the U.S Government Accountability Office (GAO) at the request of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The GAO recommended that the FERC work with ISOs/RTOs and others to standardize measures that track the performance of ISO/RTO operations and markets, and to report the performance results to Congress and the public.
- The ISOs and RTOs submitted the report in response to the FERC's "Request for Information on Common Performance Metrics for RTOs and ISOs and Utilities Outside RTO and ISO Regions" (August 17, 2015).
- This Report includes the 30 Common Metrics and "Other Metrics Specific to ISO and RTO Performance" identified in the Commission Staff "Common Metrics Report" issued on August 26, 2014.

The ISO/RTO Metrics Report presents RTO information serially, not comparatively.

NESCOE prepared these with RTO data to provide a comparative look at some of the issues.

#### ISO/RTO Overview



# ISO/RTO Background Information

ISO/RTO	Installed Generation (MW)	Miles of Transmission Lines	Population (millions)
CAISO	57,124	26,000	30
ISO-NE	31,000	8,600	14
MISO	180,006	65,800	48
NYISO	39,039	11,086	20
PJM	183,604	62,556	61
SPP	58,982	50,575	15

#### Metric Interpretation - Comparability

Information must be assessed in the proper context – a number of factors influence the data and could result in variations among the ISOs/RTOs:

- Geographic diversity of the control area
- Different reliability planning standards
- Tariff requirements, e.g., interconnection studies
- Regional resource mixes natural resource availability, and associated political, economic, and environmental factors
- Prevailing weather patterns, demographic trends, and economic conditions

# Fuel Diversity

#### Capacity

2014 Summer Capacity

#### Energy

2014 Generation Output



Figures shown represent generation within the RTO systems.

The fuel diversity implications of RTOs' imports and exports are not reflected in this graphic. An example of this in the ISO-NE region is hydropower imports from Canada.

#### Renewable and Hydro Resources



ISO-NE has relatively low renewable and hydro capacity, but receives a growing portion of its energy from these resources.

### **Generator Performance**

Annual Generator Availability (1-eFORd), 2010-2014



<sup>■2010 ■2011 ■2012 ■2013 ■2014</sup> 

In New England, generator performance has improved over the last few years, possibly due to market reforms and out-of-market fuel assurance programs.

# Market Pricing – Energy

Average Annual Wholesale Energy Prices, 2010-2014



While energy prices have risen nationally over the past few years, New England has some of the highest energy prices of the ISO/RTOs. Various factors may influence regional price differentials (as discussed on slide 5).

# Market Pricing – Components



In addition to high energy prices, ISO-NE appears to have some of the higher transmission rates.  $_{10}$ 

# Market Competitiveness

New Entrant Gas-Fired Combined-Cycle (CC) and Combustion Turbine (CT) Net Generation Revenues (Gross Margin) 2010-2014



Over the past five years, NYISO and PJM provided the most generation revenue (gross margin) for proxy gas-fired resources.

#### **Generator Interconnection - Time**

Average Generation Interconnection Request Processing Time, 2010-2014 (Calendar Days)



ISO-NE has neither the longest nor shortest average time for completing the generator interconnection process.

#### **Generator Interconnection - Studies**



The time associated with interconnection studies varies widely from year to year.

SPP

# Transmission for Reliability

Number of Transmission Projects Approved for Construction for Reliability Purposes, 2010-2014



<sup>■2010</sup> **■**2011 **■**2012 **■**2013 **■**2014

ISO/RTOs continue to develop transmission to address reliability issues.

### ISO New England in Detail

