

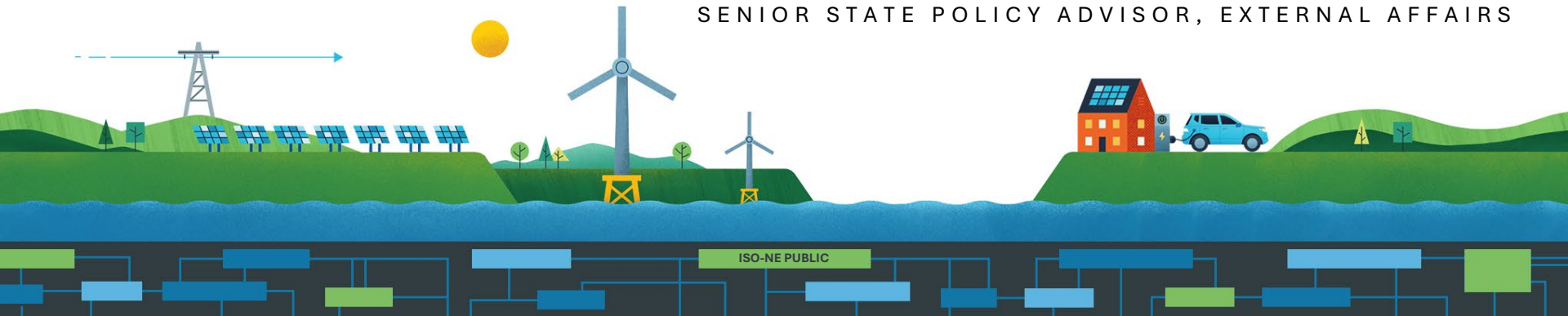


New England Interconnection Reform

Transitional Cluster Study Interim Report Results & Next Steps

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Order 2023 & Transitional Cluster Study

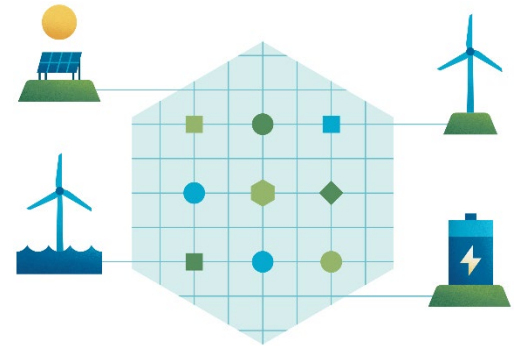
Background: FERC Order No. 2023 required a fundamental shift to a cluster-based interconnection process (“first-ready, first-served”)

Transitional Cluster Study (TCS)

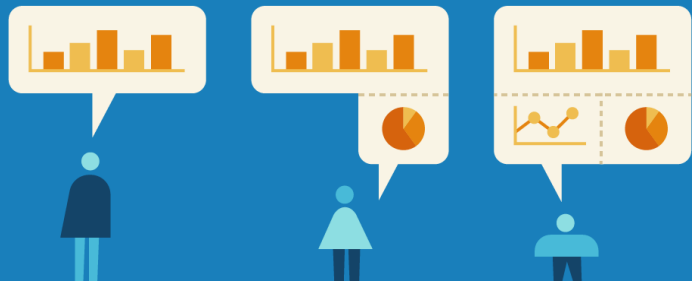
- ISO-NE’s bridge from the current queue to the new framework
- Groups eligible projects into a single cluster study to:
 - Evaluate system impacts collectively + assign shared transmission upgrade costs + incorporate stricter readiness requirements (site control, deposits, study milestones)

Today’s Focus

- Overview of interim TCS study results
- Next steps



Transitional Cluster Study: Interim Report Results



TCS Interim Report (June 7, 2026)

*Meets final-report requirements
but may be refined after customer
comments (comments due July 7)*

23 participating projects, totaling ~4800 MW

- Largest ever single study of generator capacity
- ISO-NE's first interconnection cluster study under FERC Order 2023; completed in ~8 months; mostly battery storage, with some solar and wind
- VT hosts two of the cluster's interconnection requests

Per-project upgrade costs: \$0 to \$541M

- Driven by project size, location, and proximity to other projects, plus the violations and upgrades identified

Energy + Capacity projects average ~\$178M

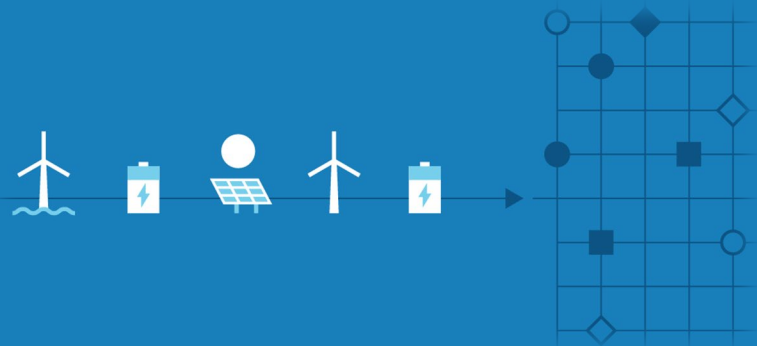
- Projects newly studied for energy (NRIS) and capacity (CNRIS) saw average upgrade costs ~\$178M; five had costs of ~\$65M or less

Capacity-only projects under \$1M

- None of the five capacity-only projects exceeded \$1M

Learn More

For more detail on the Transitional Cluster Study, explore these ISO-NE resources:



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Transitional Cluster Study Accomplishments and Next Steps

ISO-NE's summary of what the study achieved and the steps ahead



Q&A

TCS Questions and Responses

Answers to customer questions on the interim report

Timeline & Next Steps

The Cluster Request Window will be followed by a 60-day Customer Engagement Window, which will include a Cluster Scoping Meeting; following this window, the ISO will begin study work in early 2027



Questions



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