

Section 1 Notification of Potential Need for an ASO Study

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Distributed Generation Interconnection

National Grid Reporting Requirements – Affected System Operator Studies

The Narragansett Electric Company (NECo) has become aware that there is a potential need for an ASO study for this Distributed Generation application for interconnection of a facility that is less than 5 megawatts (MW) and is hereby notifying the DG applicant in accordance with Section 1 of the Distributed Generation Interconnection National Grid Reporting Requirements – Affected System Operator Studies.

NECo is processing the interconnection of your proposed DG project. National Grid has determined that there is a potential need for an ASO study because **Case 00000000 at *Insert Address* falls into the *Insert PSA*** Power Supply Area. An ASO study affecting the ***Insert substation*** substation is necessary to determine whether the interconnection of this project impacts the electric power system. The ASO study is being performed by the transmission provider in the area, New England Power Company (NEP), consulting with other ASO's and ISO-NE. The ASO study results are required to be approved by ISO-NE.

The ASO study will be conducted at a transmission injection level and may be processed with other projects in the area to the extent that your project is grouped with other projects in the area for study. NEP will design the group in a manner to advance projects through the ASO study process in the most efficient manner possible while safeguarding the integrity of the electric power system. It is still to be determined which projects will require a full Level 3 Comprehensive Transmission Study and which projects will require a Non-Comprehensive Transmission Study. When all inputs and study fee payments have been received by NEP to initiate the study, it can be expected that the Level 3 Comprehensive Transmission System Impact Study will take approximately 6-9 months, and a Non-Comprehensive Transmission System Impact Study will approximately take 3-5 months.

At this time, your application has been placed and will remain on ASO Hold for the duration of the ASO study. We understand that you may have additional questions regarding this notice and the effect on the interconnection of your proposed project. We encourage you to contact your CEI representative with any questions. We will continue to keep you updated as the ASO study progresses. Our next planned communication will be in one month unless there are any significant developments in the meantime.