

# Asset Condition Replacement Projects: Visibility Process Enhancements and Rightsizing

New England States Committee on Electricity



# Background

## **NESCOE requested NETO and ISO-NE collaboration in updating planning around Asset Condition Projects**

- Asset condition projects are material portion of regional network service charge and now outpace reliability upgrades
- Time for a fresh look at planning process improvements to benefit customers and maximize the use of all transmission assets

**NESCOE appreciates the prompt and positive response from NETOs and ISO-NE**

# Suggested Process Improvements

## **Near-Term Visibility Process Improvements**

- Greater transparency and notice in connection with Asset Condition Projects, including annual presentations by NETOs with one-, two-, and five-year Asset Condition Project capital spending plans
- Additional explanation on the planning assumptions used and details on cost estimation in PAC presentations
- Sharing of cost estimation and management practices along with regular discussion at PAC about such practices and any modifications that emerge

## **Longer-term asset condition planning reform and right-sizing**

- Better integrate asset condition project planning into ISO-NE's regional planning process
- Develop guidelines for right-sizing transmission projects, including asset condition projects

# Feedback Welcome!

**NESCOE interested in understanding from stakeholders and PAC views on current challenges and improvements that would be most helpful**

- Feedback on NESCOE suggestions?
- Preliminary thoughts or points of emphasis for right-sizing?
- Additional thoughts on visibility improvements?
  - Is the current timing of presentation relative to project development appropriate?
  - Are there changes to presentation content that would be helpful?
  - Would more uniform presentations across NETOs be helpful?

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