

NEPPA Resolution

Respecting Local Control of Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

WHEREAS, distributed energy resources (DER) such as rooftop solar or battery storage are increasingly attractive sources of power operating at the retail level, and;

Whereas, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has sought to provide DER aggregators on local distribution systems the opportunity to access wholesale markets, and;

Whereas, the participation of DER aggregators in wholesale markets has nevertheless been cited as impacting wholesale rates, thereby raising concerns among some NEPPA members about increasing levels of federal control over DER operation, and;

Whereas, these policies have technical, management, administrative, jurisdictional, and cost implications for utilities, particularly small utilities; then therefore

Be it now

RESOLVED, that NEPPA:

1. Supports market designs for DER participation in the wholesale markets, provided those designs:
 - Respect local control and the ability for utilities to determine their individual participation
 - Do not require technology upgrades that would increase costs to non-participating consumers
 - Maintain the reliability of local distribution systems
 - Honor existing utility interconnection processes
 - Provide clarity in identifying retail versus wholesale participation and impacts

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Board of Directors voted unanimously to support 8/25/2021