

NEPPA Resolution 2025-02

Promote Just and Reasonable Policies to Support Large Load Growth While Protecting Consumers

WHEREAS, the advent of artificial intelligence applications stands to create substantial changes in the economy, and;

Whereas, artificial intelligence applications require computational resources that consume power on an order of magnitude greater than existing data center applications, and;

Whereas, the U.S. grid, and the New England region in particular, is ill-equipped to accommodate sudden massive load growth from both an infrastructure and generation perspective, and;

Whereas, major load growth from large loads presents numerous novel policy issues, and;

Whereas, consumers will be economically impacted by the growth of large loads and the policies enacted to accommodate them and mitigate the risks they may present, then;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA):

1. Advocates for policies that encourage visibility of large load demand projections and bilateral power arrangements.
2. Advocates for policies that protect end-use ratepayers from direct and indirect costs, security risks, and reliability impacts associated with large load interconnection.
3. Encourages the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to investigate the market implications of large load co-location at new and existing generation sites.
4. Encourages ISO-NE and FERC to investigate the potential for market destabilization from a) the unexpected loss of large load customers, or b) the sudden departure of multiple generators from the market to serve large loads through bilateral contracts, and to develop policies to protect consumers from such destabilization.