

NEPPA Resolution 2025-03

Support a Reliable, Affordable Fuel Mix

WHEREAS, natural gas serves as both a direct source for home heating and manufacturing as well as a fuel for electricity generation, and;

Whereas, New England has significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions by switching from coal to natural gas for generation, and now relies on natural gas for over half of the generation mix in the region, and;

Whereas, natural gas supplies to New England are constrained by many factors, including insufficient firm pipeline capacity to meet regional demand, global energy market volatility, and transportation challenges, and;

Whereas, when natural gas is unavailable for electricity generation, generators must burn oil to meet demand and maintain reliability, and

Whereas, as the share of renewable resources in the New England resource mix grows, fully dispatchable resources become more important to preserve reliability in a cost-effective manner; and

Whereas, ISO studies show that conventional battery technology alone is not sufficient to address the region's need for fully dispatchable resources; then;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that NEPPA:

1. Supports the use of natural gas to maintain grid reliability as a part of an increasingly diverse resource mix.
2. Supports efforts to improve natural gas deliverability to the region, including the construction of additional pipeline and energy storage capacity, waivers of Jones Act restrictions on liquified natural gas shipments, and other policies to reduce costs and increase availability of natural gas so that it can be used as a bridge fuel.
3. Advocates for the prioritization of cost and reliability impacts on consumers as States and other stakeholders develop clean, dispatchable energy resources to reduce New England's dependence on natural gas.