

NEPPA Resolution 2025-05

Support Transmission Incentives and Cost Allocation Reform

Whereas, transmission construction can ease electric congestion and bring needed resources to load centers, but also represents a growing share of consumers' monthly energy bills, and;

Whereas, load growth in the region will necessitate both additional resources and additional transmission investments, and;

Whereas, FERC-approved cost-of-service recovery, with assured returns well above other investments, continues to be extremely lucrative for transmission owners;

Whereas, issues of cost allocation can either delay needed projects or saddle consumers with costs for which the benefits are disputed;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that NEPPA:

1. Opposes the use of rate incentives as a means of driving transmission investment.
2. Supports FERC efforts to examine and reform policies surrounding incentives, transmission planning and cost allocation.
3. Calls on FERC to consider the costs to consumers as part of the analysis of whether a rate is "just and reasonable."
4. Opposes cost allocation methodologies that assign costs to public power systems without their consent.
5. Supports joint ownership policies and competitive procurement processes that would promote the ability of public power systems to hold an ownership interest in transmission.