

February 24, 2020

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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. ER20-____-000;
New Capacity Zone Study Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 5.16.4 of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (“NYISO”) Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff (“Services Tariff”), the NYISO hereby submits a report describing the results of the recently completed New Capacity Zone (“NCZ”) study (“NCZ Study”).¹ The 2019/2020 NCZ Study did not identify any constrained Highway interfaces. Accordingly, tariff revisions to establish a NCZ are not required at this time.

I. Overview of NCZ Study and Results

Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff requires the NYISO to conduct a NCZ Study in conjunction with the periodic reviews of the ICAP Demand Curves.² The NYISO performs the NCZ Study to determine whether any Highway interfaces are constrained. If the NCZ Study identifies any constrained Highway interfaces, Section 5.16 requires the NYISO to develop and propose tariff revisions to implement a NCZ. If, however, the NCZ Study does not identify any constrained Highway interfaces, Section 5.16.4(b) requires the NYISO to file such determination with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), together with a report summarizing the results of the NCZ Study.

The NYISO conducted the 2019/2020 NCZ Study in accordance with the procedures and methodology set forth in Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff. The NYISO reviewed the NCZ Study inputs and assumptions with stakeholders at the September 24, 2019 NYISO Installed Capacity Working Group meeting.³ Following completion of the assessment, the NYISO posted

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning specified in the Services Tariff and the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff.

² The NYISO conducts periodic reviews of the ICAP Demand Curves every four years in accordance with the requirements of Section 5.14.1.2.2 of the Services Tariff.

³ See Section 5.16.1.2 of the Services Tariff.

the NCZ Study report to its website on January 3, 2020.⁴ The NYISO subsequently discussed the report with stakeholders at the January 8, 2020 NYISO Installed Capacity Working Group meeting. Stakeholders did not express any opposition to the report.⁵

As indicated in the study report included as Attachment I to this filing, the 2019/2020 NCZ Study did not identify any constrained Highway interfaces.⁶ Therefore, no tariff revisions to implement a NCZ are required at this time. In accordance with the requirements of Section 5.16.4(b), the NYISO submits this filing to apprise the Commission of this determination and provide a copy of the report summarizing the results of the 2019/2020 NCZ Study.

II. Communications and Correspondence

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III. Service

The NYISO will send an electronic link to this filing to the official representative of each of its customers, each participant on its stakeholder committees, the New York State Public Service Commission, and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The NYISO will also post the complete filing on its website at www.nyiso.com.

⁴ See Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff.

⁵ In accordance with the requirements of Section 5.16.1.3 and 5.16.4 of the Services Tariff, the NYISO also provided the Market Monitoring Unit an opportunity to provide feedback. The Market Monitoring Unit did not express any objections to the report.

⁶ See NYISO, *2019/2020 New Capacity Zone Study* (December 2019) at 13-14.

IV. Conclusion

The NYISO respectfully requests that the Commission accept this informational filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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