

February 23, 2024

**Submitted Electronically**

Honorable Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: Docket No. ER24-\_\_\_\_-000, *New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*;  
2023-2024 New Capacity Zone Study**

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

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 this informational filing containing a report that describes the results of the recently completed 2023-2024 New Capacity Zone (“NCZ”) study (“NCZ Study”).<sup>1</sup>

The 2023-2024 NCZ Study did not identify any constrained Highway interfaces. As a result, the NYISO is not required to establish a NCZ at this time.

**I. 2023-2024 NCZ Study**

Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff requires the NYISO to conduct a NCZ Study in conjunction with its quadrennial reviews of the ICAP Demand Curves.<sup>2</sup> The NYISO performs the NCZ Study to determine whether any Highway interfaces are constrained. If the NCZ Study identifies a constrained Highway interface, the NYISO is required by Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff to develop proposed tariff revisions to implement a NCZ. If the NCZ Study does not identify any constrained Highway interfaces, the NYISO is required by Section 5.16.4(b) of the Services Tariff to submit an informational filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) to provide notice of such determination, together with a report summarizing the results of the NCZ Study.

The NYISO conducted the 2023-2024 NCZ Study in accordance with the requirements and methodology described in Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff. The NYISO reviewed the inputs and assumptions for the 2023-2024 NCZ Study with stakeholders on September 18,

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

<sup>2</sup> The NYISO conducts quadrennial reviews of the ICAP Demand Curves pursuant to Section 5.14.1.2.2 of the Services Tariff.

2023.<sup>3</sup> On January 4, 2024, following completion the 2023-2024 NCZ Study, the NYISO provided a report detailing the results of the study for stakeholder review.<sup>4</sup> The NYISO also reviewed the results of the 2023-2024 NCZ Study with stakeholders on January 9, 2024.<sup>5</sup> Stakeholders did not express any concerns or opposition to the report.<sup>6</sup>

As further detailed in the study report provided as Attachment I to this informational filing, the 2023-2024 NCZ Study did not identify any constrained Highway interfaces. Accordingly, the NYISO is not required to implement a NCZ at this time.

## II. Correspondence

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<sup>3</sup> See Section 5.16.1.2 of the Services Tariff; and NYISO, *New Capacity Zone (NCZ) Study: Inputs and Assumptions* (presented at the NYISO Installed Capacity Working Group Meeting on September 18, 2023), available at: <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/40044890/6%20New%20Capacity%20Zones%20Study%20Inputs%20and%20Assumptions%20-%20ICAPWG%2009-18.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> See Section 5.16 of the Services Tariff; and NYISO, *2023/2024 New Capacity Zone Study* (December 2023), available at: <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/42276797/2023-2024%20NCZ%20Study%20Report.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> See NYISO, *New Capacity Zone (NCZ) Study Results* (presented at the NYISO Installed Capacity Working Group Meeting on January 9, 2024), available at: <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/42276797/2023-2024%20NCZ%20Study%20Results%20-%2001092024%20ICAPWG.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> As required by Sections 5.16.1.3 and 5.16.4 of the Services Tariff, the NYISO also provided the Market Monitoring Unit an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the 2023-2024 NCZ Study. The Market Monitoring Unit did not express any objections to the study report.

### **III. Service**

A complete copy of this filing will be posted on the NYISO's website at [www.nyiso.com](http://www.nyiso.com). The NYISO will send an electronic link to this filing to the official representative of each of its customers, and each participant on its stakeholder committees. The NYISO will also send an electronic copy of this filing to the New York State Public Service Commission and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

### **IV. Conclusion**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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