

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

New England Winter Gas-Electric Forum

Docket No. AD22-9-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF  
NEW ENGLAND WINTER GAS-ELECTRIC FORUM

(July 21, 2022)

As announced in the Notice of Forum issued in the above-referenced proceeding on May 19, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commissioner-led forum on Thursday, September 8, 2022, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, to discuss the electricity and natural gas challenges facing the New England Region. A preliminary agenda for this forum is attached. The Commission will issue a further supplemental notice with a full agenda and the confirmed panelists prior to the forum. The forum will be open to the public and held in the Emerald I & II Ballroom at the DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Vermont, 870 Williston Rd, South Burlington, VT, 05403.

The purpose of the forum is to bring together stakeholders in New England to discuss the challenges faced historically during New England winters and discuss the stakeholders' differing expectations of challenges for future winters. The objectives of the forum are to achieve greater consensus or agreement among stakeholders in defining the electric and natural gas system challenges in New England and identify what, if any, steps are needed to better understand those challenges before identifying solutions.

While the forum is not for the purpose of discussing any specific matters before the Commission, some forum discussions may involve issues raised in proceedings that are currently pending before the Commission. These proceedings include, but are not limited to:

Constellation Mystic Power LLC	Docket Nos. ER18-1639-000 ER18-1639-014 ER18-1639-015 ER18-1639-017 ER22-1192-000
ISO New England Inc.	Docket Nos. ER19-1428-000 ER19-1428-001 ER19-1428-002 ER19-1428-003 ER19-1428-004

RENEW Northeast and American Clean Power Association vs. ISO New England Inc.	Docket No. ER22-42-000
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Only Commissioners and panelists will participate in the panel discussions. The forum will be open to the public for listening and observing, and written comments may be submitted in Docket No. AD22-9-000.

Registration for in-person attendance will be required, and there is no fee for attendance. A link to attendee registration will be available on the [New England Winter Gas-Electric Forum](#) event page. Due to space constraints, seating for this event will be limited and registrants that get a confirmed space will be contacted via email. Only confirmed registrants can be admitted to the forum given the maximum occupancy limit at the venue (as required by fire and building safety code). Therefore, the Commission encourages members of the public who wish to attend this event in person to register at their earliest convenience. Online registration will be open, as long as attendance capacity is available, until the day before the forum (September 7). Once registration has reached capacity, registration will be closed. However, those interested in attending after capacity has been reached can join a waiting list (using the same registration link) and be notified if space becomes available. Those who are unable to attend in person may watch the free webcast.

The webcast will allow persons to listen and observe the forum remotely but not participate. Information on this forum, including a link to the webcast, will be posted prior to the event on this forum's [event page](#) on the Commission's website. A recording of the webcast will be made available after the forum in the same location on the Calendar of Events. The forum will be transcribed. Transcripts of the forum will be available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. (202-347-3700).

Individuals interested in participating as panelists should submit a self-nomination email by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 3, 2022, to [Panelist\\_NewEnglandForum@ferc.gov](mailto:Panelist_NewEnglandForum@ferc.gov). The self-nominations should have "Panelist Self-Nomination" in the subject line and include the panelist's name, photograph, contact information, organizational affiliation, one-paragraph biography, and what panels the self-nominated panelist proposes to speak on.

Additionally, please note that the Commission will be implementing health and safety restrictions, as appropriate, associated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID Community Level mitigations. This may include requiring all participants to wear cloth face covers or masks as well as further limiting venue occupancy if Chittenden County is designated as having a high-community level in data expected to be released on the evening of Thursday, September 1. The CDC Community Level tracker may be found at the [CDC COVID Data Tracker site](#).

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov), call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this forum, please contact [NewEnglandForum@ferc.gov](mailto:NewEnglandForum@ferc.gov) for technical or logistical questions.

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Deputy Secretary.

**NEW ENGLAND WINTER GAS-ELECTRIC FORUM****Docket No. AD22-9-000****September 8, 2022****Agenda**

**9:00 am – 9:15 am:**           **Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chairman and Commissioners**

**9:15 am – 10:30 am:**       **Panel 1: Historical Context of New England Winter Gas-Electric Challenges**

Panel 1 will discuss the region’s problems and experiences regarding gas-electric challenges in New England during past winters. Panel 1 discussion will focus on the following topics: (1) reliability of gas and electric systems; (2) fuel procurement issues; and (3) state perspectives on past winters. With respect to the reliability of systems, this panel will focus on providing stage-setting for the day by laying out the actual challenges experienced in prior winters to both gas and electric reliability, including a discussion of “close calls” that threatened reliability. This panel may discuss fuel procurement challenges in past winters, including difficulties that market participants faced in securing natural gas from pipelines, LNG facilities, and fuel oil deliveries, particularly during scarce fuel supply conditions and high-demand, winter weather. Finally, Panel 1 will discuss the states’ perspectives on prior winters and explore, among other things, what states have done in “close call” situations, and whether states had sufficient transparency and situational awareness during such situations.

*Panelists: To be announced*

**10:30 am – 10:45 am:**       **Break**

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm:**       **Panel 2: Concerns for Winter 2022/23 and Future Winters**

Panel 2 will focus on gas-electric issues that New England faces in winter 2022/23 and future winters. The panel will ask what specific winter gas and electric concerns or issues exist, if past issues or concerns have worsened or have been alleviated, and what new issues challenge the reliable delivery of gas and electricity to New England consumers. Panel 2 may explore, among other things, local distribution companies’ system demand growth, load forecasting and peak day design methods, how natural gas generators typically procure natural gas (e.g., directly from a gas marketer or through firm and interruptible transportation contracts), and what concerns stakeholders have

about procuring natural gas going forward, access to information/situational awareness, and cost impacts on consumers.

*Panelists: To be announced*

**12:15 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch Break**

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Panel 3: Contributing Factors and Considerations / Decision Time Horizon**

Based on the challenges and concerns identified in the previous panels, Panel 3 will take a deeper dive with stakeholders into the various factors that contribute to these challenges over different time horizons. Discussion will include what factors entities consider when making decisions regarding winter gas-electric challenges, and what changes in circumstances they see going forward that may affect their decision-making or behavior. This panel may discuss the following issues: (1) fuel contracting, including how decisions on fuel procurement are made prior to a winter season and what factors are considered by pipelines, oil-fired generators, and natural gas generators; (2) overall natural gas capacity into New England (including pipeline and LNG import capacity), whether there is adequate natural gas infrastructure, and alternative federal, state, or local jurisdictional mechanisms that may influence demand for natural gas; (3) challenges with import capacity during periods of system stress and if additional electric infrastructure is needed; (4) operational decisions and situational awareness; and, (5) whether additional information, information sharing and coordination mechanisms, or modeling exercises are needed in order to inform the development of solutions to regional reliability challenges.

*Panelists: To be announced*

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: Break**

**3:15 pm – 4:45 pm: Panel 4: Roundtable/Wrap Up on Winter Gas-Electric Challenges and Next Steps**

In Panel 4, stakeholders and Commissioners will distill key points discussed during the day and identify next steps to be addressed. Issues discussed may include whether there is agreement on any problems or challenges, assessment of whether additional information or tools are needed to better understand the challenges and develop effective solutions, time frames for action, and processes that may facilitate the development of solutions within such time frames.

*Panelists: To be announced*

**4:45 pm – 5:00 pm: Closing Remarks**