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Subject: Request for Information on State-Led Interregional Transmission Projects

As representatives from the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, we are pleased to release the attached Request for Information on Interregional Transmission Projects prepared by the Northeast States Collaborative on Interregional Transmission.

The Request for Information seeks to fill a gap in today's transmission planning processes by identifying potential interregional transmission opportunities, or "Candidate Projects" that improve grid reliability, support economic growth, and reduce costs for consumers.

Candidate Projects may be proposed by any interested entities, including industry representatives, ratepayer advocates, utilities, or independent transmission developers. Candidate Projects should identify opportunities for interregional planning between at least two of the three control areas operated by the Northeastern transmission operators: the Independent System Operator of New England, the New York Independent System Operator, and PJM Interconnection LLC. This RFI is not an offer or commitment to fund, construct, or otherwise move forward with selection of any project or projects. We invite project developers at all stages of the development process to respond to this Request for Information by October 23, 2025.

We look forward to working with project developers and transmission planners across the regions to secure the benefits of robust interregional transmission planning for our citizens.



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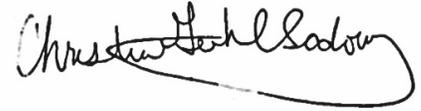
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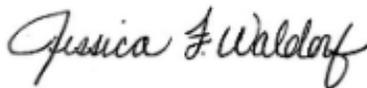
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# Northeast States Collaborative on Interregional Transmission



Request for Information (“RFI”) on Interregional Planning Opportunities

Invitational Call for Candidate Projects

Issued: June 23, 2025

## **I. Introduction & Overview**

Interested parties are encouraged to respond to this Request for Information for Candidate Projects (“RFI”) issued by the Northeast States Collaborative on Interregional Transmission (“States Collaborative”). The States Collaborative is comprised of representatives from the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont (the “Member States”).

The goal of this RFI is to assist the States Collaborative in identifying potential interregional transmission opportunities, or “Candidate Projects,” that can cost-effectively enhance grid reliability and resilience, improve market efficiency, advance achievement of state clean energy requirements and goals, and reduce costs for consumers. The RFI invites transmission developers and other interested entities to submit concept papers on Candidate Projects. Candidate Projects may be proposed by any interested entities, including industry representatives, ratepayer advocates, utilities, or independent transmission developers. Candidate Projects should identify opportunities for interregional planning between at least two of the three control areas operated by the Eastern independent system operator and regional transmission organizations (“ISOs/RTOs”): the Independent System Operator of New England (“ISO-NE”), the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”), and PJM Interconnection LLC (“PJM”).

The States Collaborative request submission of initial Candidate Projects by October 23, 2025. ISO-NE, NYISO, and PJM will be invited to participate in this RFI as technical advisers to their respective states. As discussed below, the States Collaborative expects to work with project sponsors and ISOs/RTOs to further explore the feasibility and potential benefits of proposed projects submitted in response to this RFI over the next 12-to-18 months, as well as to inform potential future solicitations or transmission planning activities.

**This RFI is not an offer or commitment to fund, construct, or otherwise move forward with selection of any project or projects.**

Potential funding mechanisms for proposed interregional transmission projects may be explored by the States Collaborative and may include regional or interregional cost allocation, voluntary cost allocation agreements, direct state or federal support, or other options. This RFI will help inform the States Collaborative's considerations of potential funding mechanisms for these types of projects.

## **II. Background on States Collaborative and Benefits of Interregional Planning**

The States Collaborative is a group of nine states in three ISOs/RTOs with a common interest in exploring enhanced transmission ties across the Northeast to enhance system reliability, reduce costs, and help advance the transition to a clean energy future.

In July 2024, a memorandum of understanding (“MoU”) formalized collaboration among the Member States. The Member States have a shared interest in working with the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”), ISOs/RTOs, consumer advocates, and industry to advance interregional transmission planning to lower costs for ratepayers, improve system reliability, and accelerate the deployment of clean energy resources, including onshore and offshore wind, solar, and energy storage. Accordingly, the States Collaborative has worked over the subsequent months to identify and coordinate shared interregional transmission planning priorities. The States Collaborative's near- and mid-term efforts to advance interregional transmission projects are outlined in the [Strategic Action Plan](#) (released on April 28, 2025).

The criticality of interregional transmission planning in advancing state energy policies<sup>1</sup> in the Northeast was recently highlighted in a number of studies, which are discussed in the Strategic Action Plan.

DOE's National Transmission Needs Study<sup>2</sup> and National Transmission Planning Study,<sup>3</sup> which considered a wide array of multi-driver economic and public policy benefits, found that “more interregional transfer capability would *both* support grid reliability *and* lower consumer costs.”<sup>4</sup> The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (“NREL”) Atlantic Offshore Wind Transmission Study (2024) found that offshore wind networks with interregional connections offer significant advantages over intraregional configurations. These benefits

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<sup>1</sup> These include policies related to transmission expansion, reliability and resilience, energy resource diversity, clean energy achievement, affordability for consumers, decarbonization requirements, and economic development, among others.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Energy, *National Transmission Needs Study* (2023), <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-needs-study>.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, *The National Transmission Planning Study* (2024), <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-planning-study>.

<sup>4</sup> *Comments of the United States Department of Energy*, Docket No. AD24-400, at p. 3 (emphasis in original).

include reduced curtailment, greater utilization of scarce interconnection points, contributions to resource adequacy, and other benefits.<sup>5</sup>

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) Meshed Offshore Wind Transmission Study (2024) similarly found significant benefits associated with interregional networked transmission connections, including reduced curtailment and high benefit-cost ratios. Importantly, the study also highlighted the key challenges of interregional transmission planning and recommended deepened interregional/interstate collaboration to address interjurisdictional challenges.<sup>6</sup>

Furthermore, federal regulators recently required transmission operators to develop procedures for long-term regional planning, including the addition of rules focusing on fostering interregional cooperation. In May 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) issued Order No. 1920, which requires

... transmission providers in neighboring transmission planning regions to revise their existing interregional transmission coordination procedures (and regional transmission planning processes as needed) to provide for: (1) the sharing of information regarding their respective transmission needs identified in Long-Term Regional Transmission Planning, as well as potential transmission facilities to meet those needs; and (2) the identification and joint evaluation of interregional transmission facilities that may be more efficient or cost-effective transmission facilities to address transmission needs identified through Long-Term Regional Transmission Planning.<sup>7</sup>

Order No. 1920 also includes a requirement for transmission providers in neighboring planning regions to revise interregional transmission coordination procedures to “allow an entity to propose an interregional transmission facility in the regional transmission planning process.”<sup>8</sup> On November 21, 2024, FERC issued a clarification of Order No. 1920 (Order No. 1920-A), which affirms the original rule and strengthens the role of state regulators in long-term transmission planning. While these rules are not yet in effect as of the issuance date of this RFI, this effort may inform state positions when work on Order No. 1920 compliance filings begins in earnest in each region.

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<sup>5</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory (“NREL”), *Atlantic Offshore Wind Study* (Golden, CO: NREL, 2020), vii and xvi.

<sup>6</sup> New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”), *Meshed Offshore Wind Transmission Study* (Albany, NY: NYSERDA, 2024), 21-22.

<sup>7</sup> Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. *Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation*, Order No. 1920, 187 FERC ¶ 61,068, at P 1741 (2024).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at P 1742.

### **III. Purpose of Request for Information**

The States Collaborative is interested in identifying and exploring potential transmission projects that could cost-effectively enhance transfer capability between regions in the 2035 timeframe.

Entities proposing Candidate Projects should clearly identify benefits to consumers across two or more of the relevant ISO/RTO regions. Because this RFI is intended to explore concepts at a high level, the States Collaborative expects that Candidate Projects will vary in project maturity, sizes, and complexity. Developers should identify whether a Candidate Project is intended as an opportunistic grid enhancement (meaning that it builds off existing planned upgrades to increase benefits or serve additional needs), or as a larger-scale interregional transmission tie.

For all Respondents, please note that Candidate Project submissions will be treated as confidential, subject to the provisions in Section VI.c.

### **IV. Submission and Review Process**

- Initial Concept Papers should be **no longer than 12 pages** and submitted by October 23, 2025 (see section V.b. below for full timeline).
- Initial concept papers should clearly identify which of the States Collaborative’s core priorities are addressed by the Candidate Project, highlighting economic and operational benefits and taking into account the key considerations outlined in Section V.
- The States Collaborative intends to offer feedback based on its review of concept papers in Q1/Q2 of 2026.

Member States may elect to work with project sponsors, existing transmission owners, and/or any relevant ISOs/RTOs to facilitate evaluation of potential needs and benefits associated with more detailed project proposals through each ISO/RTO planning process in accordance with the Northeastern ISO/RTO Planning Coordination Protocol,<sup>9</sup> including discussion at the Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee (“IPSAC”), as recommended by the Strategic Action Plan. The States Collaborative may also seek assistance from entities including, but not limited to, DOE, NERC, or National Lab entities in the review of proposals.

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<sup>9</sup> See [https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/committees/comm\\_wkgrps/othr/ipsac/rto\\_plan\\_prot/planning\\_protocol.pdf](https://www.iso-ne.com/static-assets/documents/committees/comm_wkgrps/othr/ipsac/rto_plan_prot/planning_protocol.pdf)

## **V. Key Considerations**

The following are a list of key considerations that the States Collaborative intends to apply when reviewing Candidate Projects.

- a. **Impact & Market Viability:** Proposals will be reviewed for the following characteristics:
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project promotes affordability for ratepayers in the relevant RTOs/ISOs collectively and in each region through reduced production costs, diversified supply, avoided infrastructure investment, or other means.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project addresses regionally identified needs or enhances existing regional or interregional system reliability, such as by relieving transmission system constraints, reducing reliance on stored fuels, improving system resilience, or providing other regional or interregional benefits.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project leverages existing utility rights-of-way to reduce the potential environmental impacts of construction.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project contributes to safeguarding grid reliability and resilience against extreme weather events.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project enhances interregional transmission capabilities or fills gaps in the interregional transmission system.
  - How the Candidate Project plans to incorporate innovative approaches to enhance transmission systems, if relevant, including Alternative Transmission Technologies, Grid Enhancing Technologies, High-Performance Conductors, or similar technologies.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project contributes to the Member States' energy requirements and objectives, such as by facilitating the interconnection of zero- or low-carbon generation technologies.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project contributes to the Member States' economic development.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project offers the greatest public benefit with a clear path to replication, scale, or ability to ensure grid reliability or resilience and provide enhanced system value and economic benefit.
  - The extent to which the Candidate Project maximizes energy market and resource adequacy benefits across the relevant RTOs/ISOs collectively and in each region.

- The potential impact of the Candidate Project in providing spillover benefits, for example by leading to more widespread deployment of advanced technologies; innovative partnerships; new financial arrangements; increased non-state investment; and/or innovative environmental siting, permitting strategies, or community engagement practices.
- The extent to which the Candidate Project leverages non-ratepayer funding opportunities, including any federal tax credits or other financial support.

b. Project Plan & Feasibility

The States Collaborative will also review whether each Candidate Project demonstrates understanding of the key anticipated risks (e.g., technical, financial, market, environmental, regulatory) involved in the proposed work and the quality of the mitigation strategies to address them, taking into account the maturity of the concepts. Specific topics to be considered include:

- The reasonableness of the project cost estimate for the proposed Candidate Project, recognizing that a significant margin of error may be expected at earlier stages of project development.
- The reasonableness of the proposed timeline for project completion, including best estimates for sequencing major work items.
- The degree to which the Candidate Project is likely to provide quantifiable enhanced system value.
- The degree to which the Candidate Project demonstrates technical feasibility and economic benefit through economic and/or electric system modeling.
- The degree to which the Respondent is prepared to participate in, and has the capability to abide by, RTO transmission planning processes and protocols for developing projects, as necessary.
- The degree to which the proposed routing avoids sensitive environmental resources.

**VI. Instructions to Respondents**

Responses to this RFI must provide all the information described in this section and in the order specified here.

a. Required Contents of Submittal

i. Respondent Information

Please provide the following information:

- Name and address of business entity submitting this Candidate Project;
- Name and address of other members of the Project Team;
- Name, email address, and telephone number for primary contact who can represent the Project Team; and
- Name, email address, and telephone number for secondary contact who can represent the Project Team.

ii. Respondent Experience

In not more than one page, describe the Candidate Project sponsor’s business and business structure, including planned general and limited partners and involvement of any subsidiaries that will comprise the Project Team.

Describe the Project Team’s experience developing energy infrastructure projects, including experience in the three relevant ISOs/RTOs, which may include links to biographies or additional background information.

iii. Technical Description

Provide a concise description of the Candidate Project and the policy and/or technical objectives that the proposed project is intended to address. Explain how the Candidate Project advances the goals and objectives of the States Collaborative, and the technical and economic benefits of the project.

**Project Description**

- Describe the types of major equipment that will be used in the Candidate Project. If the Candidate Project involves new technology or an innovative application of an existing technology, describe the status of the technology development, potential suppliers, and anticipated lead times for procuring such technology/equipment. If the Candidate Project will utilize innovative technologies that are not yet commercially available or typically used for the intended application, describe the expected timeframe for commercialization or adaptation, and any risk mitigation approaches or alternatives if the technology cannot be deployed within the Candidate Project’s timeframe.
- Describe any reasonably foreseeable supply chain risks or challenges, including material, equipment, or labor, that could affect the delivery of the Candidate Project according to the proposed schedule and budget, and any measures proposed to mitigate these risks or challenges.

- If the Candidate Project involves a novel management approach, contract mechanism, control system, model, financing approach, or other innovative deployment, please describe the status for development, necessary regulatory approvals, and/or other administrative or institutional support.
- If the Candidate Project has a specific physical location, identify the proposed project location, including as applicable the project footprint, right(s)-of-way, point(s) of interconnection, and other related infrastructure. Relevant electric characteristics, modeling information, maps, schematics, one-line diagrams, and/or other drawings or plans, as applicable, may be included to illustrate the Candidate Project and may be appended as links if unable to fit within the page limit.
- If relevant, identify the currently approved ISO/RTO rules or procedures pursuant to which the Candidate Project would be advanced (e.g., ISO-NE OATT Schedule 25 ETU Interconnection Procedures).

### **Technical Studies**

- Summarize any economic studies performed to support the identified project benefits (including production cost, capacity expansion, resource adequacy, or other analysis of resolving seam-based inefficiencies);
- Summarize any technical or engineering studies performed to support the identified project benefits (including thermal, voltage, short-circuit, stability, or other analyses);
- Describe any additional transmission studies that may be necessary, whether such studies are underway, and their expected completion date; and
- Describe any assistance that the respondent would need from the States Collaborative to support the design and/or the development of the Candidate Project.

The Collaborative may request supplemental studies or documents referenced in the materials that were not required with the initial submission.

If relevant, if the Candidate Project involves one or more new interconnections to the transmission system or systems and/or a system

upgrade related to the queue request, please provide queue position identifier and any other relevant project information.<sup>10</sup>

### **Local Economic Development & Engagement Plan**

While initial submissions are not required to address local economic development and engagement strategies, please note that additional details may be requested.

#### iv. Project Cost & Schedule

Provide preliminary breakdown of Candidate Project costs, including the expected margin of error on estimates and any relevant cost containment measures. Include any supporting documentation to verify accuracy of figures.

Provide a preliminary project development timeline, indicating the major milestones relating to the critical path for financing, RTO studies, siting, permitting, development, construction, and operation of the Project.

#### b. Submittal Instructions & Process

Please submit the Candidate Project proposals to [abe.silverman@jhu.edu](mailto:abe.silverman@jhu.edu) or other entity as may be subsequently identified. Respondents' submittals are limited to **12 pages** excluding requested supplementary materials (e.g., resumes, attachments, supporting materials, power flow studies).

The deadline for submittal is October 23, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. eastern prevailing time.

Questions regarding this RFI can be submitted to [abe.silverman@jhu.edu](mailto:abe.silverman@jhu.edu) or other designated recipient.

Key deliverables and tentative deadlines	
Issuance of RFI	June 23, 2025
Submittal of Candidate Project deadline for Interested Respondents	RFI Issuance + 4 months (October 23, 2025)
Expected feedback on Candidate Projects	Q1 / Q2 of 2026

#### c. Confidential Information

The States Collaborative recognizes that Respondents may consider aspects of their proposals as confidential. Upon request, the States Collaborative will treat the

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<sup>10</sup> Respondents should include references to any documentation related to the Candidate Project's interconnection queue status, if relevant.

submitted materials as confidential, subject to the caveats below and the laws of the Member States. Respondents seeking confidential treatment must submit complete, unredacted versions of their Candidate Projects and label submissions as confidential, including items designated as Confidential Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”). Respondents must also submit versions that redact Respondent’s confidential information and redact information that is deemed confidential within two weeks of submission. The States Collaborative may elect to publicly post the redacted versions of select Candidate Projects at the end of the process in order to facilitate further review, aside from information appropriately designed as CEII. **If Respondent does not submit a redacted version, the States Collaborative will assume that the unredacted version is not confidential.**

By submitting a response to this RFI, the submitter grants permission to the States Collaborative to share the Candidate Project submission, including any confidential information, with (i) staff at Johns Hopkins University staff and any technical consultants it has retained to assist with this RFI; (ii) any technical consultants retained by the Collaborative or individual states; (iii) the relevant ISOs/RTOs (ISO-NE, NYISO, and PJM); and (iv) Department of Energy or National Laboratory officials (collectively, “DOE Entities”) for the purpose of project review. The States Collaborative will request that all information provided be treated confidentially, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Restrictions on the ability to share information with these organizations, which would be providing technical assistance to the States Collaborative, may impede the review of projects and consequently lead to inability to conduct further review. By granting permission to share the Candidate Project submission with the relevant ISOs/RTOs, and DOE entities, respondents agree to allow ISOs/RTOs to share confidential information with the States Collaborative and entities listed above regarding the Candidate Project, which would otherwise be protected under the ISOs/RTOs’ Information Policies.

**Connecticut:**

Information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to Connecticut’s Freedom of Information Act (“CT FOIA”) unless a statutory exemption applies. When a respondent submits confidential information to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“CT DEEP”), the Respondent acknowledges that CT FOIA governs the public’s accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of information submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from CT FOIA disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which CT FOIA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential.

Examples of CT FOIA exemptions include, but are not limited to:

- Trade secrets, C.G.S. § 1-210(b)(5)(A);
- Commercial and Financial information given in confidence, not required by statute, C.G.S. § 1- 210(b)(5)(B);
- Public records exempt under federal law or state statute, C.G.S. § 1-210(a).

In the event confidential information is submitted to CT DEEP and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither CT DEEP nor the State of Connecticut shall be held responsible.

**Delaware:**

Information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to Delaware’s Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) found in Title 29, Chapter 100 of the Delaware Code. When a respondent submits confidential information to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (“DNREC”), the respondent acknowledges that FOIA governs the public’s accessibility to that information. Under the Delaware FOIA, respondents may request that certain sensitive information be exempted from public disclosure. The respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which FOIA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. All FOIA exemptions may be found in DE Code Title 29, Chapter 100 §10002(o). In the event confidential information is submitted to DNREC and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither DNREC nor the State of Delaware shall be held responsible.

**Maine:**

Respondents acknowledge that information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to all applicable public records requirements, including the Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA, 1 M.R.S. §§ 400-414) and that Maine may be required by statute to disclose certain information that is public record. When a respondent submits confidential information to the Maine Governor’s Energy Office (“GEO”), the respondent acknowledges that FOAA governs the public’s accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of information submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from FOAA disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which FOAA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. In the event that information is submitted to the Maine GEO and it is not confidential per state or federal law, it may be considered a public record subject to FOAA.

**Maryland:**

Information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to Maryland’s Public Information Act (“PIA”), found in Title 4 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code. When a respondent submits confidential information to the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”), the respondent acknowledges that PIA governs the public’s accessibility to that information. Under the Maryland PIA, respondents may request that certain sensitive information be exempted from public disclosure. The respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which PIA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. In the event confidential information is submitted to MEA and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither MEA nor the State of Maryland shall be held responsible.

**Massachusetts:**

Confidential information provided in response to this RFI will be treated as confidential energy information, to the extent permitted by law. Pursuant to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources’ (MA DOER) authority under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 25A, Section 7, certain energy and other information collected by MA DOER can be maintained for the sole and confidential use of the Commonwealth, its agencies, and offices. MA DOER, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, or any other agency and office of the Commonwealth, may also apply any applicable exemption under the Commonwealth’s public records law, including but not limited to, the exemptions listed in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7(26), as well as any other Commonwealth law that protects the disclosure of confidential information. Energy information collected under M.G.L. c. 25A, § 7 may be confidentially shared with the energy offices of other states which afford such information similar protection from public disclosure. In the event confidential information is submitted to MA DOER and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, MA DOER, the Commonwealth, its agencies, and offices shall not be held responsible.

**New Jersey:**

Respondents acknowledge that information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to all applicable public records requirements, including the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”), found under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq, and that New Jersey may be required by statute to disclose certain information that is public record. When a respondent submits confidential information to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”), the respondent acknowledges that OPRA governs the public’s accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of

information submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from OPRA disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which OPRA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. All OPRA exemptions may be found in P.L.1963, c. 73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.). In the event confidential information is submitted to NJ BPU and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither NJ BPU nor the State of New Jersey shall be held responsible.

**New York:**

Information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to New York's Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"). When a respondent submits confidential information to New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") or New York State Department of Public Service ("NYDPS"), the Respondent acknowledges that NY FOIL governs the public's accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of information submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from NY FOIL disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which NY FOIL exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. All FOIL exemptions may be found in NY Public Officers Law § 87-2. In the event confidential information is submitted to NYSERDA or NYDPS and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither NYSERDA, NYDPS, nor New York state shall be held responsible.

**Rhode Island:**

The parties acknowledge that information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to the State of Rhode Island's Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1, et seq., and that Rhode Island may be required by statute to disclose certain information that is public record. When a respondent submits confidential information to RI OER, the respondent acknowledges that APRA governs the public's accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of information submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from APRA disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which APRA exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. All APRA exemptions may be found in R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2-4. In the event confidential information is submitted to RI OER and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither RI OER nor the State of Rhode Island shall be held responsible.

**Vermont:**

The parties acknowledge that information provided in response to this RFI will be subject to the State of Vermont's Access to Public Records Act ("Public Records Act"), 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq., and that Vermont may be required by statute to disclose certain information that is public record. When a respondent submits confidential information to Vermont DPS, the respondent acknowledges that the Public Records Act governs the public's accessibility to that information. If a respondent believes portions of information submitted in response to this Request for Information are exempt from Public Record Act disclosure, the respondent must clearly indicate which information is confidential and identify which Public Records Act exemption the respondent believes is applicable to the specific information claimed as confidential. All Public Records Act exemptions may be found in 1 V.S.A. § 317. In the event confidential information is submitted to Vermont DPS and confidential treatment is not afforded for any reason, by a governmental agency or otherwise, neither Vermont DPS nor the State of Vermont shall be held responsible.