

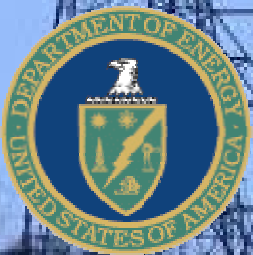


DOE Congestion Study and Criteria for Designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

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Discussion of Process Issues

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Two Basic, Interdependent Issues

- Geographic Scope of National Corridors
- Appropriate Timing for Designation of a National Corridor
- Interdependent because route becomes more predictable as a proposed project is refined



New Term: Electric Transmission Constraint Area

- “Constraint Area” would refer to a *problem* in the transmission infrastructure
- Usually would not have a precise locus or boundaries
- By designating a Constraint Area, DOE could flag an important problem – and remain agnostic about how to solve it



Relationship of Constraint Areas and National Corridors

- Generation or other non-wires solutions would not need Corridors
- National Corridors could be designated if/when appropriate for transmission solutions
- Advantages: Areas of need could be clearly defined; Corridors, when needed, could also be more focused



Linkages to Regional Planning

- Both Constraint Areas and National Corridors would need to be closely coordinated with regional plans
- Concern over “picking winners”
- DOE would reserve latitude to designate a Corridor without a Constraint Area, or in a Constraint Area without a specific project in view



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