

NIETC Designation Process



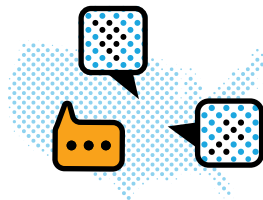
National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC)

An area of the country where DOE has determined the lack of adequate transmission harms consumers



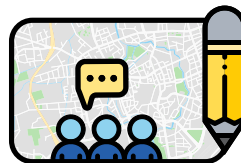
PHASE **1** Information Gathering

- Reviews National Transmission Needs Study findings
- Begins identifying potential NIETCs



PHASE **2** Preliminary List & Comments

- Publishes preliminary list of potential NIETCs



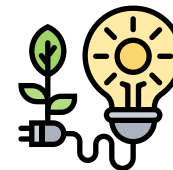
PHASE **3** Public Engagement

- Refines geographic boundaries of potential NIETCs and prepares draft report
- Conducts community engagement and any required environmental reviews



PHASE **4** NIETC(s) Designated

- Issues final NIETC designation report(s) and any required environmental document(s)



Modernizing and expanding transmission infrastructure helps **increase reliability, resilience, and access to clean, affordable electricity**

DOE
activities

Public
activities

- Submits recommendations on where to designate NIETCs and why

- Provides comments, alternatives and recommendations, and additional information

- Participates in DOE-led community engagement activities focused on potential NIETCs

- Focuses on areas of greatest transmission need
- Transmission developers in NIETCs access federal financing and siting tools