

North Carolina Transmission Planning Collaborative 2015 Public Policy Driving Local Transmission

Proposal #1

Submitting Company (TAG participant)	N.C. Sustainable Energy Association
Identify the Public Policy – Identify the specific state, federal, or local law or regulation (including order of a state, federal, or local agency) that is driving a local transmission need.	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 (known as North Carolina’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard or “REPS”)
Summary of Assessment	Current implementation requirements of the proposed Public Policy Requirement (PPR) have been factored into the resource assumptions for the 2015 transmission planning cycle. Until resource decisions are made by load serving entities subject to the PPR, typically through state-regulated processes, the proposed PPR will not drive a transmission need for which a solution could be evaluated, as there would not be sufficient information to engage in planning. Based on this explanation, no transmission needs for the proposed PPR have been identified for further evaluation of potential transmission solutions in the 2015 transmission planning cycle.

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Proposal #2

Submitting Company (TAG participant)	N.C. Sustainable Energy Association
Identify the Public Policy – Identify the specific state, federal, or local law or regulation (including order of a state, federal, or local agency) that is driving a local transmission need.	North Carolina’s biennial PURPA avoided cost proceeding (conducted pursuant to PURPA and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-156 – examples of NCUC orders can be found in NCUC Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 136 and E-100, Sub 140)
Summary of Assessment	The biennial avoided cost proceeding merely sets avoided cost rates for certain purchases compelled by PURPA. The obligation to purchase under PURPA, while a PPR, is factored into the resource assumptions for the 2015 transmission planning cycle as each utility is fully aware of its PURPA purchase obligations. Until a planned qualifying facility informs a utility of the location of its proposed resource, and the utility to which it intends to sell its power, incremental transmission, if any is needed, cannot be planned. Based on this explanation, no transmission needs for the proposed PPR have been identified for further evaluation of potential transmission solutions in the 2015 transmission planning cycle.

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Proposal #3

Submitting Company (TAG participant)	Southeastern Wind Coalition
Identify the Public Policy – Identify the specific state, federal, or local law or regulation (including order of a state, federal, or local agency) that is driving a local transmission need.	EPA Clean Power Plan (a.k.a. EPA 111d)
Summary of Assessment	The proposed PPR is not an enacted local, state, or federal law and/or regulation. Based on this explanation, no transmission needs for the proposed PPR have been identified for further evaluation of potential transmission solutions in the 2015 transmission planning cycle.