

Asset Condition (AC) Reviewer Proposal Information

This document summarizes content related to the AC Reviewer proposal workstreams from presentation material across the NEPOOL Principal Committees and the Planning Advisory Committee. It also summarizes areas of additional interest raised by committee stakeholders and not yet fully discussed on a given subject. See the [Asset Condition Reviewer Key Project page](#) for material related to the project, including the [AC Reviewer project timeline](#). The workstreams captured in the charts below include:

- Asset Condition Reviewer - Role Development
- Asset Condition Reviewer - Interim Review Process

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Asset Condition Reviewer - Role Development

Content	Summary	More Detailed Information	Additional Stakeholder Topics of Interest
ISO New England's Requirements for the Role	The ISO identified three threshold requirements for taking on the new AC Reviewer role. These relate to indemnification of the ISO, specifying that the AC Reviewer is an advisory role only, and that the AC Reviewer role will not result in ISO opinions or legal findings on cost prudence. These requirements were accepted by the Transmission Owners (TO) and the states.	May 2025 Update on Asset Condition Project Process Memo	
AC Reviewer Role Objectives and Definition	<p>The AC Reviewer is proposed to have three primary functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting on TO Asset Monitoring and Evaluation Practices • Individual asset condition project (ACP) review • Regional reporting to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) <p>The AC Reviewer is proposed as a new department within ISO System Planning, providing regular reports to the ISO Board of</p>	<p>September 2025 PC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 10-11 (summary of stakeholder suggested project considerations) <p>October 2025 PAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 6-7 (AC Reviewer project overview) • Slide 9 (role development plan) <p>January 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 3-6 (role background) • Slides 7-15 (stakeholder engagement and feedback) • Slide 17-18 (governance key objectives/reporting structure) 	

	<p>Directors. The PAC is still expected to be the forum for stakeholder review of ACP proposals. The AC Reviewer will publish a planning guide with detailed steps and required information for TOs to complete the process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 26-27 (Transmission Operating Agreement and Tariff incorporation) • Slide 28 (planning guide) • Slide 29 (right-sizing) <p>February 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 3 (primary functions) • Slide 4-7 (project and program description) <p>March 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 3-6 (key principles and objectives) • Slides 7-12 (governance and reporting structure) • Slides 14 (implications for Transmission Cost Allocation process and NERC compliance projects) 	
<p>Asset Monitoring and Evaluation Practices Review</p>	<p>The AC Reviewer will review TO approaches for identifying ACPs to assess consistency and opportunities for standardization. The ISO plans to establish standards for evaluating TO Asset Monitoring and Evaluation Practices and document them in a process guide in 2027.</p>	<p>January 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 21 (role objectives) <p>February 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 8-11 (proposed role details) <p>March 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 16 (function clarifications) • Slides 24-27 (objectives for establishing process standards) 	
<p>Individual Project Review</p>	<p>The AC Reviewer will assess sufficiency of the confirmation of need and alternatives for proposed ACPs and ACP Programs. Included ACPs are proposed to be greater than or equal to \$25M on an individual line or single station/substation over five years or less for PTF assets. This threshold will be reevaluated periodically.</p> <p>ACPs greater than or equal to \$5M on an individual line or station/substation are presented to PAC and are captured on the Asset Condition Project List. Periodic reviews of TO project forecasts will ensure ACPs are appropriately identified for this review</p>	<p>January 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 22-24 (proposed role details) <p>February 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 12-14 (proposed role details) • Slide 15 (threshold requirements) • Slide 16 (review process overview) • Slides 17-18 (needs review) • Slides 19-20 (solution and alternatives assessment) • Slide 21 (final opinion and reporting) • Slides 22-23 (workflow) <p>March 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 14 (end-of-life considerations) • Slide 15 (timing of alternatives review) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider provision for emergency construction ahead of ACP review

	<p>process. Significant changes to the scope of a project after the selection of a preferred solution should be reported to the AC Reviewer.</p> <p>The project review process will consist of three major steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing sufficiency of confirmation of need • Reviewing proposed solutions and alternatives • Reporting final assessments to the PAC to inform stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 17-23 (thresholds and guardrails) 	
<p>Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Reporting</p>	<p>The AC Reviewer will provide ongoing reporting to the PAC regarding current and anticipated ACPs for review, and trends within the regional review process.</p>	<p>February 2026 TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides 24 (ongoing reporting) 	

Asset Condition Reviewer - Interim Review Process

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Interim Review Cycle	The interim review process will take place from November 2025 through the end of 2026.	September 2025 PC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides 6-8 (outline of interim review work) January 2026 PAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slide 9 (interim projects status) 	
Interim Review Projects	The ISO will review a selected set of ACPs from November 2025 through the end of 2026.	October 2025 PAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides 14-15 (proposed ACPs for interim review) January 2026 PAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides 3-6 (approach for interim review) Slides 7-8 (finalized ACPs for interim review) 	