Offshore Wind Integration
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FERC’s role and Fall 2020 Tech Conference

- FERC regulates rates and services for electric transmission and electric wholesale power sales, including RTO/ISO tariff procedures for transmission planning and generator interconnection.
- In October 2020, the Commission’s hosted a tech conference on Offshore Wind Integration in RTOs/ISOs.
  - Panelists expressed concerns about inefficiency of continuing a piecemeal, generator lead line approach to integrate offshore wind.
  - Support from many panelists for developing onshore and offshore transmission through a planned approach.
Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – RM21-17

• In July 2021, the Commission issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR), Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection

• Seeking comment on potential reforms, including:
  • Reforms for longer-term regional transmission planning and cost-allocation processes that take into account more holistic planning, including planning for anticipated future generation
  • Rethinking cost responsibility for regional transmission facilities and interconnection-related network upgrades

• Staff continues to evaluate hundreds of comments and reply comments to inform potential proposed rule.