

Witness: CL&P Panel
Request from: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board

Question:

Does CL&P utilize solely the ISO-NE load forecasts, or does CL&P develop its own load forecasts? Please provide any load forecasts developed by CL&P since the 2005 ISO-NE load forecast was made public.

Response:

As required by regional planning procedures, CL&P uses the ISO-NE load forecast reported in the annual Regional System Plan to develop its transmission plans. The New England regional planning procedures require the use of load forecasts developed by ISO-NE, which are developed with input from New England's Load Serving Entities.

CL&P develops its own load forecast for Company financial purposes only and submits it to the Connecticut Siting Council in an annual Forecast of Loads and Resources filing. The Company's financial forecast predicts sales under normal weather conditions and would not be appropriate under ISO-NE procedures for reliability planning. The ISO-NE forecast used for transmission planning predicts peak loads under extreme weather conditions which are likely to be exceeded only 10% of the time.

CL&P's load forecasts as sent to the Connecticut Siting Council can be found at the following internet sites.

http://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/f2008/cl&p_forecast.pdf
http://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/f2007/cl&p_2007_flr_march_1_2007.pdf
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