New York Power Grid Study and Regional Challenges

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New York Power Grid Study – Background

New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)requires:

- 70% renewable generation by 2030
- Zero-emission electricity by 2040
- 85% economy-wide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- The CLCPA also specifies minimum amounts of certain types of resources including:
 - 6,000 MW of distributed solar resources by 2025
 - 3,000 MW of storage by 2030
 - 9,000 MW of offshore wind (OSW) generation by 2035
 - Much more renewable generation is necessary to achieve the 2040 and 2050 mandates

Meeting these milestones will require significant investments in:

- Renewable generation, storage, energy efficiency measures
- Electrification of the transportation and heating sectors
- Electric transmission and distribution (T&D) infrastructure

New York Power Grid Study – Scope

To meet state policy directives, the PSC, through the Department of Public Service and in consultation with NYSERDA, initiated the **New York Power Grid Study (PGS)**, which consists of **three component studies:**

- <u>Utility Study</u>: Conducted by the Joint Utilities on local transmission and distribution (LT&D) needs;
- Offshore Wind (OSW) Study: Study of offshore and onshore bulk-power transmission scenarios to illustrate possible solutions to integrate the mandated 9,000 MW of offshore wind
 - Conducted by DNV-GL, PowerGem, and WSP for NYSERDA
- <u>Zero Emissions Study</u>: Scenario-based study to analyze transmission, generation, and storage options for achieving 70% renewable generation by 2030 and a zero emissions grid by 2040
 - Conducted by Siemens for NYSERDA

Utility Study

New York's utilities undertook a joint study, filed in November 2020, to identify local transmission and distribution (LT&D) upgrades necessary to achieve 70% renewable generation by 2030

- <u>Phase 1</u> LT&D projects for PSC approval to address existing reliability needs also provide CLCPA benefits
 - Local transmission projects to unbottle 6.6 GW of renewable generation
 - Distribution projects to unbottle 2.0 GW of renewables
- <u>Phase 2</u> LT&D proposals for further evaluation, including with new CLCPA benefit-cost analysis (BCA)
 - Local transmission projects would provide **12.7 GW** of additional renewable-integration headroom benefits
 - Distribution projects would support **2.8-4.3 GW** of additional renewable integration headroom benefits

New York State Electric Utility Territories



Utility Study: Local Transmission Takeaways

The total LT&D headroom created by the proposed Phase 1 projects appears sufficient to support the integration of land-based renewable resources needed to meet the State's 2030 objective. However:

• The headroom created by Phase 1 projects <u>does not</u> adequately address specific local transmission needs in certain attractive renewable development areas

PGS Study recommendations:

- Consider approval of Phase 1 projects
- Accelerate some Phase 1 projects and develop priority Phase 2 projects for attractive renewable locations (Hornell, Watertown/Oswego/Porter, Genese/Lockport/Lancaster, Central Hudson)
- Consider developing local <u>renewable energy zones</u> (REZs)
- Accelerate implementation of <u>advanced technologies</u>
- Improve planning framework for Phase 2 projects

Local Transmission Areas in Upstate Utilities' Service Territories



PSC Initiatives: Headroom Determination and Coordinated Planning



Important PSC-mandated initiatives:

- The Utilities' proposed <u>Coordinated Grid</u> <u>Planning Process</u> (CGPP) (as shown)
- Improved and consistent determination of <u>energy and capacity "Headroom"</u> for specific areas on local T&D grid



Advanced Grid Technologies: Making Transmission More Valuable

Advanced, grid-enhancing transmission (GET) technologies can significantly increase the capability of the existing grid, offer low-cost solutions to address reliability needs, and make new transmission more valuable and cost effective ... but the technologies need to be deployed more quickly

- Chapter III of <u>NY Power Grid Study</u>: Increasingly well-tested and commercially-applied technologies include: <u>dynamic line rating</u>, <u>smart wires</u> and <u>flow control devices</u>, grid-optimized <u>storage</u>, and <u>topology optimization</u>
- See also <u>Brattle case study in SPP</u>: DLR, topology optimization, and advanced power-flow controls can integrate 2,670 MW of renewable generation for \$90 million
- Value proposition: more visibility of actual grid capability; shift flows to underutilized portions of the grid

FERC NOPRs: Consideration of GETs needs to be expanded beyond addressing operational and seam related reliability and congestion needs – and be part of available solutions to address both transmission planning and generation interconnection needs

- As low-cost solutions to address reliability needs identified in generation interconnection and near-term planning
- In <u>long-term multi-value planning</u> to make new transmission more cost effective and valuable, reducing systemwide costs

Offshore Wind Study

The Offshore Wind Integration Study (OSW Study) assesses bulk transmission needs relating to the integration of 9,000 MW (9 GW) of offshore-wind generation by 2035

- "<u>Onshore</u> assessment" to identify points of interconnection (POIs) and on-shore bulk-power transmission upgrades
- Development of <u>offshore</u> buildout scenarios from wind energy areas to selected POIs
 - Analyze offshore transmission to connect OSW plants
- Preliminary **permitting and feasibility** study of offshore cable routes and onshore landing points

Findings:

- Integrating 9 GW of OSW is <u>feasible</u> without major near-term bulk transmission upgrades <u>if</u>: 5-7 GW of OSW can be routed into NYC (so only 2-4 GW would need to connect to the grid on L.I.)
 - New transmission from Long Island likely needed by 2030-35 (sooner if more OSW connects on L.I.)
 - Significant uncertainty about most-likely and most-feasible POIs (OSW Study vs. related other studies)
- Requires <u>careful planning</u> of OSW procurement, battery deployment, and <u>coordinated permitting</u>
 - May warrant the development of "OSW hubs" to interconnect 5-7 GW in NYC (as proposed in Utility Study)
- Pursue options that allows for the creation of a more flexible and reliable "meshed" offshore grid

OSW Study vs. Similar Other Studies: Routing and POI Challenges



Source: Anbaric Study for New York State

Lower-Impact: HVDC Gen Ties

EMPIRE WIND TO GOWANUS (816MW) B SUNRISE WIND TO HOLBROOK (880MW)

- SOUTH FORK WIND TO EAST HAMPTON* (130MW)
- 1 RAINEY (1.200MW)
- 2 RULAND RD (1,200MW)
- **3** GOWANUS (2,000MW)
- 4 EAST GARDEN CITY (1,084MW)
- 5 FRESH KILLS (1,700MW)
 - **JARY BOEM RECOMMENDATION**
- SECONDARY BOEM RECOMMENDATION
- CONTRACTED LEASE AREAS

*TWO POTENTIAL CABLE LANDINGS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO INTERCONNECT AT EAST HAMPTON SUBSTATION

NYSERDA Initiative: OSW Cable Corridor Constraints Assessment

There are a limited number of robust POIs for connecting offshore wind to the onshore grid and limited access routes to these POIs

If each OSW project builds its own gen ties to the onshore transmission system (without coordination), viable landing sites and cabling routes will become constrained. A well-coordinated planned transmission approach can make better use of the limited landing sites

The clearest example of this is the cable approach route through the Narrows to reach POIs in New York's inner harbor, but many constraints exist

NYSERDA's OSW Cable Corridor Constraints Assessment to facilitate coordination of routing, permitting and planning (For example, see NY Offshore Wind: Evaluating Sea-shore (oedigital.com))

Landing Limitations along NY Coast



ConEd Energy Hub: Proposal to Address NYC's POI Challenge

In Case 20-E-0197 (transmission planning pursuant to the AREGCB Act), ConEd petitioned for approval of its proposed <u>Brooklyn</u> <u>Clean Energy Hub</u>

Could integrate up to 6,000 MW of HVAC grid interconnection for OSW generation (e.g., feeds from several separatelylocated HVDC converter stations)



NYSERDA Initiative: Procure Mesh-Ready HVDC OSW Transmission





NYSERDA's <u>Meshed Grid Study</u>:

- Procuring OSW plants with "<u>mesh-ready</u>" offshore HVDC substations adds only approximately \$40 million (1%) to the total cost of a 1,200 MW plant
- HVDC offshore substations can be (later) be meshed at a cost of \$120-240 million per link

NYSERDA Draft <u>RFP for 2022 OSW Solicitation</u> (for at least 2,000 MW) requires each proposal to utilize HVDC technology and meet <u>mesh-ready standards</u>

Zero Emissions Study

Analyzes transmission, generation, and storage scenarios for meeting NY's goals of zero-emission electricity by 2040 and 70% renewable generation by 2030 (drawing on New York Decarbonization Pathways Study)

2040 Results:

- Installed capacity more than double today's
- 10-15 GW each onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, and storage
- Ideally developed in certain areas:
 - Onshore wind primarily in western and northern NY (NYISO Zones A-F)
 - Offshore wind downstate (I, J, K)
 - Solar in central NY
 - Storage in central and downstate NY
- 17 GW of "thermal" backup generation fueled by renewable natural gas (as placeholder until more clarity exists about future technologies)



Zero Emissions Study: Transmission Needs



2040 Projected Congestion Areas

2030 goals can likely be met at low levels of curtailment and congestion without significant bulk-power transmission beyond those already planned and under development

- Contingent on study's renewable/storage buildout
- Lower-voltage system needs are assessed in NYISO's CARIS and the Utility Study
- By 2040, high congestion and some curtailments point to <u>the potential for cost-effective bulk</u> <u>transmission upgrades</u>
- High projected 2040 congestion costs can be mitigated cost-effectively with bulk transmission projects in four specific grid locations:
 - at the Dunwoodie to Shore Rd cables
 - at the Millwood South Interface
 - downstream of Coopers Corner into Zone GHI
 - at NYC and west Long Island area



Power Grid Study: Additional Findings & Recommendations

Future NY transmission needs will depend on total load and which new resources are developed where over next 20 years—all major uncertainties

- The Zero Emissions Study's renewables and storage investments were optimized to the grid's capabilities but differ from similar other studies (CARIS, E3, Brattle), illustrating uncertainty
- Renewable generation ranges 29-42 GW in 2030, and 53-66 GW in 2040 across studies
- Different load, renewable generation, and battery investment locations will affect grid needs

Achieving the Study's high level of **coordinated development of location-specific renewable generation, storage, and transmission** may be challenging. It requires:

- More <u>coordinated planning</u> for bulk transmission, local transmission, and distribution infrastructure
- Careful planning and contracting for timely and location-specific optimization of storage deployment
- Updating <u>wholesale market rules</u> to support this market evolution (including to allow storage facilities to capture the full value they are assumed to provide in the study)
- Development of retail regulations that support <u>distributed renewable generation and storage</u> and allow for their contribution to wholesale market needs

Power Grid Study: Additional Findings & Recommendations (cont'd)

- Study reflects an optimistic view of congestion, curtailments, operational challenges
 - Significant congestion and curtailments may result from constraints on the lower-voltage transmission (rated at 115/138 kV) and during outages on the bulk transmission system
- Continue to <u>improve studies and planning processes</u> to better coordinate NYISO, Utility, and NYSERDA efforts and periodically reassess transmission needs
 - Address <u>OSW-related transmission on/from Long Island</u> and initiate multi-disciplinary planning and coordination to develop cost-effective options for <u>routing up to 6 GW of OSW into NYC</u>
 - Develop more detailed and consistent studies to <u>quantify existing and new headroom</u> in various transmission-constrained areas on both the local and bulk transmission systems
 - Conduct further studies to better understand <u>future generation and long-duration storage</u> technology options available after 2035 to achieve a zero emissions grid by 2040
- NYISO's <u>economic</u> and <u>public-policy</u> planning processes can provide effective mechanisms for identifying bulk needs and developing innovative, integrated solutions

Regional Challenge: New England Clean-Energy Development Need

- Replace about **50% of supply** currently from fossil fuel-fired resources
- Supply the approximately **100% increase in demand** from electrification



Historical and Projected 2050 New England Generation

- Clean-energy additions will have to accellerate 4x-8x over 2030-50:
 - Historical additions: 280 MW/yr
- Planned through 2030: 830 MW/yr
- Needed 2030-50: 3,500-6,600 MW/yr

Source: <u>Achieving New England's Ambitious</u> 2050 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals - Brattle

Source: ISO-NE, Key Grid and Market Stats, https://www.iso-ne.com/about/key-stats/, accessed June 28, 2019.

Regional Challenge: Generation Interconnection Processes

NYISO and ISO-NE have interconnected significantly less renewable generation despite the significant renewable development needs to meet state policies



* Includes hydro, biomass, oil, geothermal and energy storage capacity. Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

Estimated Renewables Development Gap





Current U.S. Transmission Planning is Silo-ed and Inefficient



Solution: Proactive Long-Term Transmission Planning*

Available experience already points to proven planning practices that reduce total system costs and risks:

- 1. <u>Proactive (rather than incremental) planning</u> for future generation and load by incorporating realistic projections of the necessary generation mix, public policy mandates, load levels, and load profiles over the lifespan of the transmission investment
- Account for the <u>full range of transmission projects' benefits</u> and use <u>multi-value planning</u> to comprehensively identify investments that cost-effectively address all categories of needs and benefits
- **3.** Address uncertainties and high-stress grid conditions explicitly through <u>scenario-based planning</u> that takes into account a broad range of plausible long-term futures as well as real-world system conditions, including challenging and extreme events
- 4. Use comprehensive transmission <u>network portfolios</u> to address system needs and <u>cost allocation</u> more efficiently and less contentiously than a project-by-project approach
- 5. Jointly <u>plan inter-regionally</u> across neighboring systems to recognize regional interdependence, increase system resilience, and take full advantage of interregional scale economics and geographic diversification benefits

^{*} Brattle & Grid Strategies Report: Transmission Planning for the 21st Century: Proven Practices that Increase Value and Reduce Costs, October 2021. brattle.com | 21

Experience with Proactive Long-tern Planning Processes

Although still rarely used, significant experience exists with successful proactive, multi-benefit, portfolio-based transmission planning efforts:

	Proactive Planning	Multi- Benefit	Scenario- Based	Portfolio- Based	Interregional Transmission
CAISO TEAM (2004) ¹⁴⁶	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
ATC Paddock-Rockdale (2007) ¹⁴⁷	\checkmark	✓	✓		
ERCOT CREZ (2008) ¹⁴⁸	\checkmark			\checkmark	
MISO RGOS (2010) ¹⁴⁹	\checkmark	✓		\checkmark	
EIPC (2010-2013) ¹⁵⁰	\checkmark		✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
PJM renewable integration study (2014) ¹⁵¹	\checkmark		√	\checkmark	
NYISO PPTPP (2019) ¹⁵²	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	
ERCOT LTSA (2020) ¹⁵³	\checkmark		\checkmark		
SPP ITP Process (2020) ¹⁵⁴		✓		\checkmark	
PJM Offshore Tx Study (2021) ¹⁵⁵	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	
MISO RIIA (2021) ¹⁵⁶	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	
Australian Examples:					
- AEMO ISP (2020) ¹⁵⁷	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
- Transgrid Energy Vision (2021) ¹⁵⁸	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Source: <u>Transmission</u> <u>Planning for the 21st</u> <u>Century: Proven</u> <u>Practices that Increase</u> <u>Value and Reduce Costs</u> (brattle.com)

See also: Pfeifenberger, <u>Proactive, Scenario-</u> <u>Based, Multi-Value</u> <u>Transmission Planning</u>, PJM Long-Term Transmission Planning Workshop, June 7, 2022.

Examples of Proactive Multi-value Transmission Planning

Proactive multi-value transmission planning will be necessary to create a cost-effective grid and to reduce the cost and time required to interconnect renewables at scale

MISO 2022 LRTP results

- Tranche 1: \$10 billion portfolio of proposed new 345 kV transmission projects for its Midwestern footprint
- Supports interconnection of 53,000 MW of renewable resources
- Reduces other costs by \$37-68 billion

PJM Transmission Study

- Proactively evaluated all existing state public policy needs
- Identified only \$3.2 billion in upgrades to integrate 75,000 MW of renewables (\$40/kW)
- Would be significantly more cost effective than continued reliance on incremental upgrades through PJM's interconnection process



Proactive Planning Also Streamlines Generation Interconnection

Improving generation interconnection requires addressing all five elements of the GI process (with most current reform discussions focused mostly on Nos. 1 and 5):

- 1. GI <u>Process</u> and Queue Management: individual vs. cluster studies, type of studies and contractual agreements, readiness criteria, financial deposits, study and restudy sequences, etc.
- 2. GI <u>Scope</u> and "Handoff" to Regional Transmission Planning: are major ("deep") network upgrades triggered by incremental generation interconnection requests or handled through regional transmission planning?
- 3. GI Study Approach and Criteria: study assumptions, modeling approaches, and specific criteria differ significantly across regions (e.g., ERIS vs. NRIS study differences, injection levels studied, are marketbased redispatch opportunities considered?)
- 4. Selecting Solutions to Address the Identified Criteria Violations: most regions select only traditional transmission upgrades to address criteria violations; grid-enhancing technologies, such as power-flowcontrol devices or dynamic line ratings, are not typically considered or accepted
- 5. <u>Cost Allocation</u>: most regions require the interconnecting generator (or group of generators) to pay for all upgrades identified, even though (a) there may be significant regional benefits to loads and other market participants and (b) more cost effective (multi-value) regional solutions may exist

Further Improvements to the Generation Interconnection Process

Reducing the scope of upgrades triggered by generation interconnection processes likely would both accelerate and lower the cost of renewable interconnection:

- Attractive: UK "Connect and Manage" (replaced prior "Invest and Connect")
 - Similar to ERCOT; reduced lead times by 5 years; network constraints addressed later (e.g., with congestion management)
 https://www.gov.uk/guidance/electricity-network-delivery-and-access#connect-and-manage
- ERCOT's generation interconnection process is perhaps most effective in the U.S.
 - Efficient handoff of study roles by ERCOT and Transmission Owners limits restudy needs
 - Projects can be developed and interconnected within 2-3 years; in other regions, the interconnection study process itself may take longer than that
 - Upgrades focused only on local interconnection needs and are recovered through postage stamp
 - Network constraints managed through market dispatch which imposes high congestion and curtailment risks on interconnecting generators ... in part due to ERCOT's insufficiently proactive multi-value grid planning
 - See <u>working-paper.pdf (enelgreenpower.com)</u> [Note: Brattle was not involved]

Generation interconnection based on "<u>connect and manage</u>" when <u>combined with</u> <u>proactive transmission planning</u> offers more timely and cost-effective solutions

See also: ESIG, <u>Special Topic Webinar: Interconnection Study Criteria</u>, May 31, 2022.

The Benefits of Proactive Planning: OSW for New England



Avoids high-costs of onshore upgrades reduces total costs and risks; reduces the number of offshore platforms, cabling, seabed disturbance, and beach crossings.

<u>A Transmission Blueprint for New England</u>: Pro-active public-policy planning and cost-allocation proposal for: (a) 4x1,200 MW of <u>offshore wind</u> for (MA, CT, RI, commercials); (b) 1,200 MW of <u>northern Maine</u> renewables; (c) grid upgrades in <u>VT and NH</u>.

Long-term Challenge: Can Regions be Integrated Into a More Geographically-Diverse Grid to Lower Total Costs?

As state and regional shares of renewable generation (including offshore wind) increase, a robust interregional grid will become more important to ensuring reliability and cost effectiveness

- The geographic scale of the grid needs to (1) reach well beyond the size of large weather systems; and (2) integrate a more diverse mix of resources (wind, solar, hydro, ...)
- Local storage and distributed resources will help, but not eliminate the need for broad geographic diversification of uncertain intermittent generation beyond size of large weather systems



Many Studies Show Large Benefit of Interregional Transmission

Study	Region	Findings
NREL North American Renewable Integration Study (2021)	U.S., Canada, Mexico	 Increasing trade between countries can provide \$10-30 billion in net benefits Interregional transmission expansion achieves up to \$180 billion in net benefits
MIT Value of Interregional Coordination (2021)	Nation-Wide	 National coordination of reduces the cost of decarbonizing by almost 50% compared to no coordination between states The lowest-cost scenario builds almost 400 TW-km of transmission; including roughly 100 TW-km of DC capacity between the interconnections and over 200 TW-km of interregional AC capacity No individual state is better off implementing decarbonization alone compared to national coordination of generation and transmission investment Low storage and solar costs still result in significant cost effective interregional transmission
Princeton Net Zero America Study (2021)	Nation-Wide	 Achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 requires 700-1,400 TW-km of new transmission Investment in transmission needed ranges \$2-4 trillion dollars by 2050
U.C. Berkeley 90% by 2035 (2020)	Nation-Wide	 The only national study that suggest relatively little interregional transmission would be needed to achieve 90% clean electricity. However, the study's simulation approach does not utilize more granular and well- established methods to properly value interregional transmission.
Vibrant Clean Energy Interconnection Study (2020)	Eastern Interconnect	 40 to 90 TW-km of transmission is built by 2050 to meet climate goals Transmission development can create 1-2 million jobs in the coming decades, more than wind, storage, or distributed solar development Transmission reduces electricity bills by \$60-90 per MWh
Wind Energy Foundation Study (2018)	ERCOT, MISO, PJM, and SPP	 Transmission planners are not incorporating this rising tide of voluntary corporate renewable energy demand into plans to build new transmission
NREL Seams Study (2017)	Eastern and Western Interconnects	Major new ties between interconnections saves \$4.5-\$29 billion over a 35 year period

Source: <u>A Roadmap to Improved Interregional Transmission Planning</u>, November 30, 2021.

Example: MIT Value of Interregional Coordination (2021)



Key Result: A more robust national grid would reduce the total cost of decarbonizing the grid ... but (higher-cost) regional and more local solutions may also be feasible

> Optimal Transmission Build: With and Without National Transmission Coordination





Challenges Faced in Developing Interregional Transmission

Large inter-regional transmission projects are extremely difficult to plan, as values are poorly understood and no mechanism for cost recovery exists

- Inter-regional planning is a voluntary and ad-hoc process
- Reliability needs (the main driver of regional planning) rarely apply to interregional projects and economic benefits
 of interregional transmission are not well understood, rarely quantified, or inconsistently analyzed by regions
- Cost recovery (cost allocation) highly contentious and not specified for interregional projects

Unlike transmission planning for vertically-integrated utilities and some regional planning efforts, interregional transmission planning is not coordinated with long-term generation planning

- Long-term transmission and generation planning tend to be disconnected, both in process and in analytical approach
- Many inter-regional renewable integration studies focus on renewable generation investments, but tend to use generic public-policy and transmission assumptions with limited credibility, not reflecting regional and state-level differences

Regional planning will tend to pre-empt more valuable and cost effective interregional solutions

Four Pathways to Improved Interregional Transmission Planning

- While national studies show there are benefits of interregional transmission, these studies do not create an actionable "need" for approving projects
- Multiple paths to establish the need for and planning of interregional transmission projects based on:
 - the value they provide to the electricity system;
 - planning process implementation by federal and regional planning authorities
- Four paths for identifying interregional needs can be pursued simultaneously:
 - 1. Interregional Tx reliability requirements?
 - 2. A national planning effort?
 - 3. Improved joint RTO planning
 - 4. Expanded planning by individual RTOs



Source: <u>A Roadmap to Improved Interregional Transmission Planning</u>, November 30, 2021.

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A Roadmap to Improved

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Our Practices and Industries

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Competition & Market Manipulation **Distributed Energy** Resources Electric Transmission **Electricity Market Modeling** & Resource Planning **Flectrification & Growth** Opportunities **Energy Litigation Energy Storage Environmental Policy, Planning** and Compliance Finance and Ratemaking **Gas/Electric Coordination** Market Design Natural Gas & Petroleum Nuclear **Renewable & Alternative** Energy

LITIGATION

Accounting Analysis of Market Manipulation Antitrust/Competition Bankruptcy & Restructuring **Big Data & Document Analytics Commercial Damages Environmental Litigation** & Regulation Intellectual Property International Arbitration International Trade Labor & Employment Mergers & Acquisitions Litigation **Product Liability** Securities & Finance Tax Controversy & Transfer Pricing Valuation White Collar Investigations & Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Electric Power Financial Institutions Infrastructure Natural Gas & Petroleum Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Telecommunications, Internet, and Media Transportation Water









