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## Plan Now to Attend the Fall 2010 Restoration Training

To comply with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Emergency Preparedness and Operations Reliability Standards, ISO New England, Central Maine Power (CMP), Connecticut Valley Electric Exchange (CONVEX), NSTAR, Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH), Rhode Island Eastern Massachusetts Vermont Electric Cooperative (REMVEC), and Vermont Electric Light Company (VELCO) are collaborating to provide three-day training sessions on the New England area system restoration procedures. Generator Operators, Transmission Operators, Reliability Coordinators, and others from within the organizations listed above may benefit from attending. NERC Continuing Education Hour (CEH) credits will be available for those who successfully complete the training sessions.

The proposed training dates are intended to provide a maximum level of scheduling flexibility for all interested parties. PSNH, REMVEC, and VELCO will host the Generator Operators at their control centers. ISO New England will host a limited number of CONVEX, CMP, and NSTAR Generator Operators at its Holyoke, MA location.

Interest in attending the session needs to be determined **by July 1, 2010**, so that preparations can be made for reserving appropriately sized conference rooms, and other details can be finalized.

The proposed training dates are:

- September 7 – September 10
- September 13 – September 17
- September 20 – September 24
- September 27 – October 1
- October 4 – October 8
- October 11 – October 15

If you are interested in attending the 2010 Fall NERC Restoration training or want additional information on the sessions, please e-mail Tamera Spears ([tspears@iso-ne.com](mailto:tspears@iso-ne.com)) or Bill Bell ([wbell@iso-ne.com](mailto:wbell@iso-ne.com)) **before July 1, 2010**.●●●

## Preparations for Next Forward Capacity Auction Have Begun

With the Forward Capacity Auction (FCA) for the Capacity Commitment Period June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2014, scheduled to open on August 2, 2010, and end no later than August 6, 2010, ISO New England is ready to assist participants with their preparations. The *FCA Customer Readiness Program* consists of three steps customers must take to become eligible and fully participate in FCA 2013-2014.

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The three required steps and associated dates are:

### **Step 1: Digital Certificate Validation – Completion Required by July 7, 2010**

All participants must have a valid digital certificate to be an Authorized Individual and to access the FCA user interface. Please determine which of the digital certificate options listed below fits your current status. The completion of this initial step of the FCA Customer Readiness Program **by July 7, 2010**, is essential in order to advance to step two.

#### **Option 1: No certificate or never accessed the FCA user interface**

If you are a potential FCA interface user who has never obtained a digital certificate or who has never accessed the FCA user interface, please work with your Security Administrator to obtain a valid digital certificate with the role of “Forward Capacity Auction Authorized Individual.” If your company does not have a Security Administrator or you do not know who your Security Administrator is, contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com).

#### **Option 2: Authorized Individuals who have previously accessed the FCA user interface**

ISO New England recommends you ensure your digital certificate is valid through August 31, 2010. To verify the date on your digital certificate, or to renew your certificate if it is scheduled to expire prior to the specified date, contact your Security Administrator or refer to the [Customer & Asset Management System \(CAMS\) Frequently Asked Questions](#) available on the ISO New England Web site under [Support > FAQs](#).

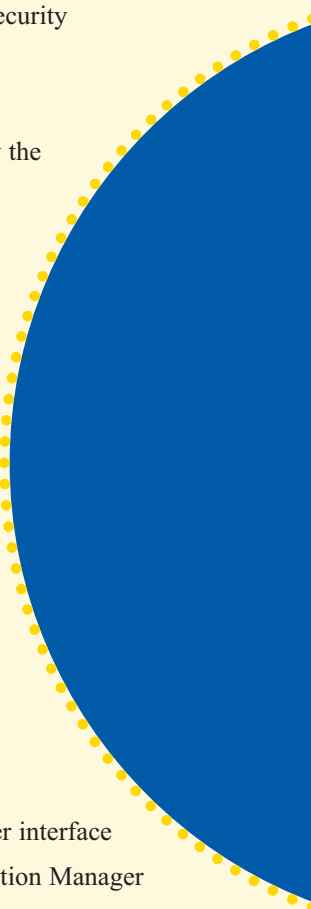
### **Step 2: Resource Review – July 12, 2010**

The resource review step ensures that all Authorized Individuals can connect to the FCA user interface and review the accuracy of their resource information. This is the only time before the mock auction on July 21, 2010, and the August 2, 2010, FCA, when participants will have the opportunity to review their qualified resources. It is crucial that at least one Authorized Individual from each company participates in this step. ISO New England recommends that each company test connectivity of their back-up process by July 12 to ensure their company can continue to participate in the mock auction and FCA 2013-2014 if an interruption in their Internet connectivity were to occur.

### **Step 3: Mock Auction – July 21, 2010**

The mock auction is the last opportunity for Authorized Individuals to familiarize themselves with the FCA user interface as well as the flow of the actual FCA. The mock auction will consist of multiple rounds as determined by the Auction Manager and will be conducted during one business day. Each company participating in the mock auction will have access to their qualified resources and be able to submit offers and bids during the appropriate rounds. As with prior mock auctions, ISO New England will manage all information to ensure the integrity of the actual FCA 2013-2014 is not compromised. Additional details can be found in the [FCA User Guide](#), specifically in the sections dedicated to using the system prior to, during, and after the auction.

Successfully completing each step in the *FCA Customer Readiness Program* will ensure customers are validated, organized, and ready for FCA 2013-2014 on August 2, 2010. Contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com) if you have questions. ●●●



## Request for Financial Assurance Requirement Coverage is Announced

The next installment of financial assurance obligations associated with awarded non-commercial capacity supply obligations (CSO) obtained in a Forward Capacity Auction for the Capacity Commitment Periods beginning June 1, 2011, and June 1, 2012, will be added to a company's total financial assurance requirements at least 10 business days prior to the next auction which is scheduled for August 2, 2010. As a result, ISO New England requests that all companies having a CSO cover their next non-commercial capacity financial assurance requirement in addition to their other market obligations **by end of business on July 16, 2010** to ensure compliance with the Credit Test or Financial Assurance Test that will be done on July 19, 2010.

If you have questions on the request for financial assurance requirements coverage, please contact Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or [custserv@iso.ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso.ne.com). ●●●

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## Black Start Testing Must be Done On or Before December 31, 2010

All generators designated as Black Start Capable must perform an actual Black Start of the generator in 2010 without depending on the interconnected system or other unrelated generator support. The tests require that a demonstration of all key operating aids used in a black start such as telephone communications, System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and key auxiliary systems will operate adequately without depending on any outside power source.

Tests are scheduled through the ISO New England Generation Outage Coordinators at 413-535-4378. Participants who wish to schedule the test during their resource's annual inspection outage must additionally schedule through the ISO Generator Maintenance Scheduler by e-mailing their information to [opamoreq@iso-ne.com](mailto:opamoreq@iso-ne.com).

Complete test requirement details, expectations, and test result reporting can be found in ISO New England's Operating Procedure No. 11, Black Start Capability Testing with additional details in Schedule 16 of the Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, Section 2 (OATT). Both documents are readily available on the [ISO New England Web site](#).

If you have any questions on Black Start testing, please call or email Crystal Jackson at 413-535-4066 or [cjackson@iso-ne.com](mailto:cjackson@iso-ne.com). ●●●

## First Forward Capacity Market Obligation Month Settlement Reports are Coming

ISO New England released the Forward Capacity Market (FCM) Preliminary Capacity Requirement Market Information Server (MIS) report on May 26, 2010, for the June 2010 Obligation Month. The new report, [SD\\_FCMPRECAPREQ](#), contains the megawatt value of capacity acquired through the FCM at the control area and capacity zone levels as well as each customer's preliminary capacity requirement.

FCM Settlement report distribution will continue when the FCM Resource Settlement Details Report, [SD\\_FCMRESSTLDTL](#), is released no later than June 25, 2010. This report will detail payments from the applicable Forward Capacity Auction, Net Capacity Supply Obligation Bilateral Credits or Charges, and the Reconfiguration Auction Credits or Charges reduced by the Peak Energy Rent (PER) adjustments for each resource. Other FCM-related MIS settlement reports, including applicable FCM performance adjustment and charge reports, will be released no later than July 12, 2010. Past [ISO News issues](#) (e.g. 185, 186, and 187) have detailed many of these new FCM-related settlement reports.

A listing of all FCM MIS and World-wide Web (WW) reports in a PDF file and entitled *FCM Settlement Reports Comprehensive List* is available from the Related Information area on the [Understanding Your Bill](#) Web page.

For more details on FCM settlement processes, an overview of FCM line items on the monthly bill, plus a chance to ask FCM-related settlement questions of Subject Matter Experts, a Web conference has been scheduled for July 13, 2010.

[Register now!](#)

Contact Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com) if you have questions on this subject. ●●●



# REGISTER NOW!

## Web Conference: FCM Settlement Review and Question-and-Answer Session

**July 13, 2010**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

[Register Now](#)

## WEM 101 -- Introduction to Wholesale Electricity Markets

**September 20-24, 2010**

Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA

[Register Now](#)

## WEM 201 -- Intermediate Wholesale Electricity Markets

**October 19-21, 2010**

Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA

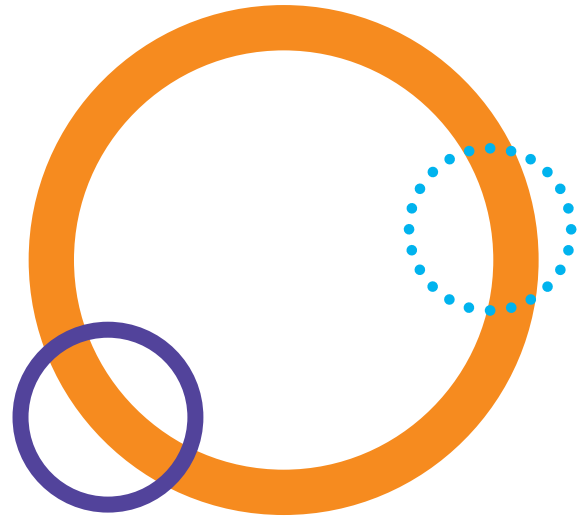
[Register Now](#)

## WEM 301 -- Advanced Wholesale Electricity Market

**November 16-17, 2010**

Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA

[Register Now](#)



If you have any questions regarding any of the information above, e-mail the Market Training Team at [MkTraining@iso-ne.com](mailto:MkTraining@iso-ne.com).●●●

## Forward Capacity Market Dates to Remember

### Listed by Capacity Commitment Period

#### 2014-2015

September 10, 2010	Notification of Existing Capacity Resource qualified megawatts Beginning of Challenge window
September 17, 2010	End of Challenge window
October 1, 2010	Existing Capacity Resource Qualification deadline
October 15, 2010	New Capacity Resource Qualification deadline
March 15, 2010 - February 6, 2011	Non-Price Retirement Request submittal window

Note: The above are listed as a courtesy and not inclusive of all Forward Capacity Market dates. Refer to Section III.13 of the Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff and ISO New England Manuals M-20: Installed Capacity and M-MVDR: Measurement and Verification of Demand Reduction Value from Demand Resources for complete Forward Capacity Market details or call ISO New England Customer Support at (413) 540-4220.