

## **2021-2022 Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation**

### **List of Validated Project Sponsor Applications with Sufficient Information**

In the 2021-2022 Transmission Plan, the ISO identified a reliability-driven need for the Newark – Northern Receiving Station (NRS) HVDC project to serve load in the area. This initiated the Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation process for the selection of an approved project sponsor. The bid window for interested project sponsors to submit complete applications to finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the Newark –Northern Receiving Station (NRS) HVDC project commenced on April 18, 2022 and closed on August 26, 2022.

Pursuant to section 24.5.2.4 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO has validated six applications that satisfied the information submission requirements. The ISO will now consider whether the validated project sponsors are qualified and then will undertake the selection process to determine which qualified project sponsor should finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the Newark –Northern Receiving Station (NRS) HVDC transmission solution. The validated project sponsors are listed below:

- Two Proposals from Avangrid Networks, Inc.
- Two Proposals from Horizon West Transmission, LLC
- LS Power Grid California, LLC
- Starwood Energy Group Global, Inc.

The description of, and functional specifications for, the reliability-driven Newark –Northern Receiving Station (NRS) HVDC transmission solution can be found on the ISO website at:

<http://www.caiso.com/InitiativeDocuments/AppendixG-BoardApproved-2021-2022TransmissionPlan.pdf>