

Assumptions Matrix for Capacity Expansion Model¹
Comparison of 2023-2042 System & Resource Outlook and Coordinated Grid Planning Process Scenarios

Assumption	System & Resource Outlook		Both	Coordinated Grid Planning Process	
	Lower Demand Policy Scenario	Higher Demand Policy Scenario	State Scenario	Low Transmission Impact	High Transmission Impact
Lock Down Date	11/15/2023		3/21/2024²	4/22/2024	
Generator Descriptions	<p>Base generators are defined as generators that are currently in operation and interconnected to the NYCA or included by satisfying the Base Case inclusion rules.</p> <p>Awarded generators are defined as those that have been awarded contracts and are incremental to the Base Case.</p> <p>Candidate generators are defined as the generators that the model assumes as candidates for generation expansion incremental to the existing fleet and contracted generators.</p> <p>These above generator categories have different characteristics and modeling assumptions, and these labels are used throughout the report and appendices to distinguish the characteristics outlined in this assumption's matrix.</p> <p>A list of the awarded generators in the base and contract cases was presented to NYISO stakeholders at the April 4, 2024, LFTF/ESPPWG.</p>				
Model Framework					
Study Years	The capacity expansion model is simulated for years 2023-2042 (inclusive). Results are reported for model years 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2042. These are referred to as the "study years" for the purposes of these assessments.				
Time Representation	For each model year, several representative days are identified and selected to represent a year's variety of conditions. These days are applied and weighted across each model year to represent input renewable generation and load peaks and shapes for that year. These representative days are then solved individually and chronologically over all the model years of the capacity expansion model. This method preserves chronology, including the state-of-charge (SoC) of battery storage resources, within each representative day.				
Transmission	<p>Nodal to zonal reduction of transmission network topology performed by PLEXOS to create a pipe-and-bubble equivalent model, where intra-zonal lines are collapsed. Transmission upgrades beyond the existing system topology in the model include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYPA Northern New York Priority Transmission Project • Champlain Hudson Power Express • Clean Path New York • Joint Utilities Phase 1 & Phase 2 Projects • Long Island OSW Public Policy Project <p>See 2023-2042 System & Resource Outlook <i>Appendix B: Production Cost Assumptions Matrix</i> for additional detail (here).</p>				
			Sub zonal constraints modeled to reflect estimated transmission headroom of local transmission & distribution system and conceptual marginal upgrade costs. This information is incorporated into the model as a headroom constraint with added cost for exceeding the constraint.		

¹ Additional details on capacity expansion assumptions, as well as modeling and methodologies, are provided in the 2023-2042 System & Resource Outlook, Appendices C and D, respectively

² [DPS memo on State Scenario modeling assumptions update](#) discussed at March 21, 2024 ESPWG and March 25, 2024 EPPAC

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Data Inputs and Forecasting					
Energy Forecast & Peak Load	Hourly load shape for each model year. Load shape based on 2018 weather year.				
	<p>Energy Demand and Peak Loads are based on the 2023 Load & Capacity Data Report (Gold Book) Lower Demand Policy Forecast with modifications to account for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of impact from energy storage resources, BTM Solar generation and electrolysis. Energy storage resources and BTM Solar are modeled explicitly as resources. Large loads from the Baseline forecast from the 2023 Gold Book are included in the load forecast. 	<p>Energy Demand and Peak Loads are based on the 2023 Load & Capacity Data Report (Gold Book) Higher Demand Policy Forecast with modifications to account for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of impact from energy storage resources, BTM Solar generation and electrolysis. Energy storage resources and BTM Solar are modeled explicitly as resources. Large loads from the Higher Demand Policy Scenario forecast from the 2023 Gold Book are included in the load forecast. 	<p>Energy Demand and Peak Loads are based on the "Scenario 2" forecast from the CAC Integration Analysis³ with modifications to account for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of impact of flexible loads and electrolysis. Flexible loads are modeled explicitly according to Medium End-Use Flexibility data from IA Scenario 2. Energy storage resources and BTM Solar are modeled explicitly. 50% of economy-wide hydrogen needs in model are met by in-state electrolysis on an annual basis. Loads have been adjusted upward to account for transmission and distribution losses. Large loads are included in the load forecast from the Baseline forecast from the 2023 Gold Book, with adjustments per NYSDERDA and DPS request. 	<p>Same as the State Scenario with the following modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of impact of flexible loads and electrolysis. Flexible loads are modeled explicitly according to High End-Use Flexibility data from IA Scenario 2. Higher statewide BTM Solar forecast based on NYSDERDA Distributed Solar Roadmap. 	<p>Energy Demand and Peak Loads are based on the "Scenario 3" forecast from the CAC Integration Analysis. The following assumptions are also modified as compared to the State Scenario:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No inclusion of the impact of flexible loads.
Emissions Price Forecast	Emissions allowance price forecast is the same as that assumed in the production cost model. See <i>Appendix B: Production Cost Assumptions Matrix</i> for additional detail.				
Fuel Price Forecast	Fuel price forecast is the same as that assumed in the production cost model. See <i>Appendix B: Production Cost Assumptions Matrix</i> for additional detail.				
	Fuel price forecast for Dispatchable Emission-Free Resources is specified in the Variable O&M portion of this document.		Fuel price forecast for new and retrofit hydrogen combustion turbine technologies are specified in the Variable O&M portion of this document.		
Constraints					
Capacity Reserve Margin	Capacity reserve margins (IRM and LCRs) for the 2023-2024 Capability Year are translated to the UCAP equivalent and applied to all model years, per NYISO ICAP to UCAP translation .		Capacity reserve margin referenced from Integration Analysis modeling, which includes a dynamic reserve margin out to 2050.		
	Model years 2030 and beyond assume adjustments to locational requirements to address major topology and system changes per TSL floor methodology .				

³ The Integration Analysis is included as part of [New York's Scoping Plan](#). Additional details on Integration Analysis inputs and outputs are available in [IA Annex 1 & 2](#).

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Policy Targets	CLCPA targets and other state policy mandates modeled include:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 GW BTM-PV by 2025 • 10 GW BTM-PV by 2030 • 9 GW offshore wind by 2035 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% renewable energy by 2030⁴ • 6 GW energy storage by 2030 • Zero-emissions electric grid by 2040; net zero imports overall from IESO, PJM, and ISONE. 		
Maximum Resource Potential	Candidate renewable generator locations and availability determined by supply curve analysis undertaken by NYSERDA and consultants. Resource potential is comprised of GIS analysis to review siting and land availability, generation potential, and total MW potential per site, county, and/or zone by year.				
Generators and Generator Properties					
Generators	Generators assumed in the capacity expansion model are the same as those included in the Base & Contract Case production cost model (i.e., base and awarded generators). Generator specific information is assumed for these generators. See <i>Appendix B: Production Cost Assumptions Matrix</i> for additional detail.				
	The types of generators and initial start year for expansion (" candidate generators") include the following:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land-based wind: 2028 • Utility PV: 2028 • Offshore wind: 2031 • Battery storage, 4- and 8-hour: 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispatchable Emission-Free Resource (DEFER): 2031 <p>Generation expansion is enabled at the zonal level by generator type for candidate generators, as applicable to technology type.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hydrogen combustion turbine and combined cycle technology: 2031 • Retrofit hydrogen combustion turbine and combined cycle technology: 2035 <p>Generation expansion is enabled at the county level for land-based wind and utility PV and at the zonal level by generator type for candidate generators, as applicable to technology type.</p>	New hydrogen fuel cell technology: 2031	
Generator Retirements	Known generator retirements for base generators are the same as those included in the Base & Contract Case production cost model.				
	Firm retirements for NYPA small gas plants in model year 2031.				
	The capacity expansion model simulates optimal retirement decisions, which would include incremental generator retirements beyond those with a prescribed retirement date.		Age-based fossil retirements for existing units are assumed with phase-in of age-based retirements for fleet of generators past age-based threshold (60 years) still in operation.		

4 The formula used for modeling the 70x30 mandate in the State Scenario is: $\frac{\text{Renewable Generation}}{\text{Load forecast} + \text{Electrolysis load} + \text{Net storage load}}$ per [DPS memo on modeling assumptions update](#).

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